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Seven Arrested for Sex Crimes

The Wichita Police Department (WPD) has arrested seven individuals for sex related crimes, stemming from a partnership with Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office (SCSO), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Homeland Security Investigations (HIS). The collaboration was a proactive effort to address child-sex trafficking in Wichita.

Through the investigation, WPD made contact with a 15-year-old female victim of sex trafficking in the area of 29th and Maize Road and two people were arrested - a 25-year-old Wichita male and a 20-year-old Wichita female. The man was booked into jail for possession of marijuana, possession of narcotics, possession of a firearm by a felon, and aggravated human trafficking. The woman was booked into jail on aggravated human trafficking. Also, investigators were led to a home in the 2400 block of south St. Clair where a search warrant was executed with the assistance of WPD Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team. At that home, four people were taken into custody. Two of the individuals were booked into jail. A 37-year-old Wichita male was booked on five counts of rape, aggravated human trafficking, and unlawful sale of narcotics; a 19-year-old male was a booked on two counts of possession of a firearm by a felon and aggravated human trafficking. The other two individuals were interviewed and released. The female victim has been taken into police protective custody.

Additionally, in reference to the proactive investigations between WPD, SCSO, and federal partners, three individuals were arrested in the 400 block of south Webb for sex related crimes, and one was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

- A 26-year-old female was arrested and booked on possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, and promoting the sale of sexual relations.
- A 26-year-old female was arrested and booked on possession of marijuana, promoting the sale of sexual relations, and an outstanding warrant.
- An 18-year-old female Wichita was arrested and booked on sale of sexual relations.
- A 48-year-old male was arrested and booked on an outstanding warrant.

The WPD continues to work hard daily, and in partnership with other law enforcement agencies to provide safety to the citizens of Wichita.

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