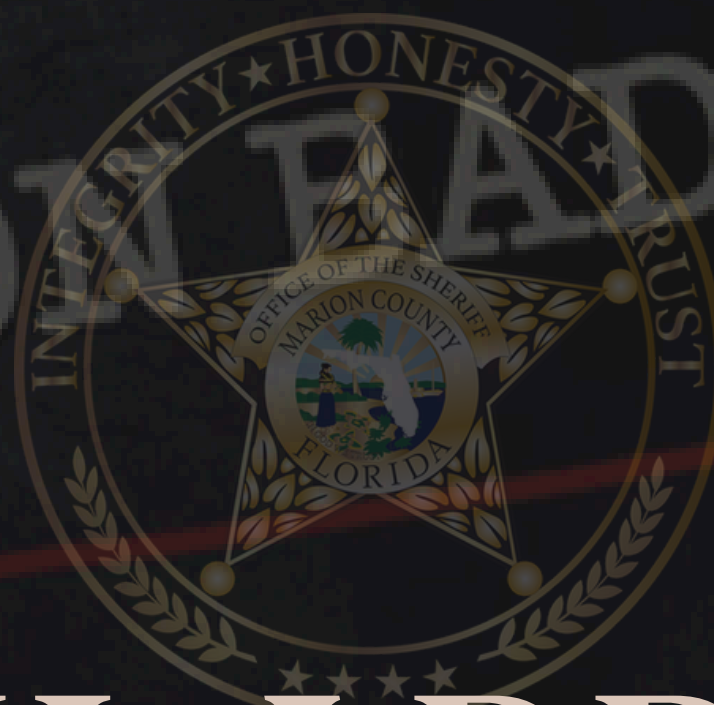


PURE EVIL

OPERATION BAD HABITS



67 MEN ARRESTED

SHERIFF BILLY WOODS-MARION COUNTY

HOW IT STARTS

- Sgt. John Lightle and ICAC Detective Henrik Osthed are responsible for putting the operation together and coordinating the planning.
- This doesn't happen overnight. There is a lengthy planning and approval process that takes place well before the actual operation begins.
- Throughout that process, we have to follow the rules, guidelines, and procedures established by the North Florida ICAC Task Force.
- Once the operation is approved, Sgt. Lightle and Detective Osthed begin building the operational team.
- That team includes members of the North Florida ICAC Task Force, along with personnel from other local law enforcement agencies who come together to assist.
- Everyone has a specific role. Those personnel make up our takedown teams, intelligence teams, and undercover chatters.
- It takes a lot of coordination, preparation, and teamwork between multiple agencies to get everyone in place and ready before the operation begins.



OPERATION DAY



- Once the operation begins, every person in that room has a role, and every role is connected. This truly is a team effort from beginning to end.
- Our undercover chatters are on the front line, communicating with the individuals and gathering critical information as those conversations develop.
- That information is continuously passed to our intelligence team, who works behind the scenes to identify and confirm who we are actually talking to.
- Once the necessary information is confirmed, it is relayed to the takedown teams, who are prepared and waiting to safely move in and make the arrest.
- It takes constant communication between the chatters, intelligence personnel, supervisors, and takedown teams. Everyone has to work together, because every piece of information matters.
- And ultimately, that is why we are all there. With each arrest, we stop one more predator from being online and potentially talking to your kids.

OPERATION DAY



TOTAL OF 67

ARRESTS

- During the operation itself, 52 arrests were made.
- But the work didn't stop when the operation ended. Investigators continued following up on cases and obtaining warrants, which resulted in 15 additional arrests.
- That brings the operation to a total of 67 arrests.
- The charges these individuals faced included unlawful use of a two-way communication device, human trafficking, use of a computer to solicit a child, traveling to meet a minor for sexual conduct, and transmitting harmful information to a minor.
- Those numbers are significant, but behind every arrest is an investigation and a story.

ARRESTED DURING THE OPERATION

MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



ARRESTED

ASHAY SHAKES

Ashay Shakes was a second-grade teacher at Fessenden Elementary School in 2025 and was here on a work visa from Jamaica. He had also authored a couple of children's books. Shakes was communicating online and trying to meet little boys when he found himself caught up in our operation. Think about that for a minute. This was a man who taught second graders and wrote books for children.





ARRESTED

PATRICK HAAN

Patrick Hann worked at the Chicken Guy! restaurant inside Walmart. He thought he was talking to a 14-year-old girl and was hoping to meet up with her. Well, when it came time for that meeting, he didn't find a 14-year-old girl waiting for him however, he found my deputies instead. And apparently that was a little more than Patrick could handle, because he ended up pooping his pants when he got arrested.



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NATIONAL

ATTENTION

• Over the years, these operations have been extremely successful, and they continue to grow through the dedication and teamwork of everyone involved.

• The work being done here has also gained attention well beyond our local community, including coverage at the national level.

• One of the more recognizable people to take notice was Chris Hansen, who many of you may remember from To Catch a Predator.

• Chris now hosts Takedown with Chris Hansen, he came here to participate in these operations.

• Having that kind of national exposure helped shine a light not only on the success of these operations, but also on the dedication of the investigators, detectives, analysts, takedown teams, and partner agencies who make them possible.





Hey John, how you doing?

ARRESTED

JOHN LEININGER

John Leininger offered to pay \$200 for a 15-year-old girl to come to his house. But when it came time for her to show up, Leininger got a surprise. Sheriff Billy Woods showed up instead and called him out of his house. What we found when we went to make the arrest was on the strange side...we found mannequins dressed as police officers inside Leininger's home.



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ARRESTED

ERIC MORIN



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Eric Morin agreed to meet at Target to pick up a young boy and a young girl for sex. When detectives interviewed him, Morin told them that he fantasized about randomly groping children in stores. We also found that he had tried to groom children as young as 9 years old online, and he admitted to detectives that he had sexually abused a 5-year-old girl years earlier. During this same operation, we found Morin on another site trying to meet a 15-year-old boy for sex. He was also charged with offenses involving child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and Possession of Animal Sexual Activity. This was one of the most disturbing arrests to come out of the operation, and **Chris Hansen described Morin as one of the worst he had seen.**

A man with short, light-colored hair, wearing a black polo shirt, stands in a hallway. He is holding a rolled-up document or blueprint in his left hand. The hallway has light-colored walls and dark doors. The lighting is somewhat dim, creating a serious atmosphere. The text "You want to know what a predator looks" is overlaid in white at the bottom of the frame.

You want to know what a predator looks

TALK TO YOUR

CHILDREN

We call this operation Bad Habits, but that name isn't just about the people we arrest. It's also a message to us as parents. We can develop bad habits when it comes to our kids and technology. We give them a phone, a tablet, or access to social media, and sometimes we stop paying attention to what they're actually doing on there. We have to break those habits. Know what your children are doing online. Know who they're talking to. Ask yourself, do they even need to be on social media? Most importantly, talk to your kids. Have those uncomfortable conversations. Make sure they understand the dangers and know what to look out for. Talk to your children now, before they end up online talking to someone like one of these men.

THANK YOU!