



Mesa Police Department Human Exploitation and Trafficking (HEaT)

East Valley Human Trafficking Task Force (EVHTTF) Staffing:

- 1 Sergeant
- 3 Detectives
- 1 Police Investigator
- 2 SA – HSI-Phx

2021 Operations / Investigations

- Leather Mitt
- “No Name”
- Labor of Love
- On the Flip Side
- Trigger Point
- Broken Hearts



Operation Leather Mitt

Short operation/limited resources:

- Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) and Child Sexual Exploitation Operation
- Occurred in March
- 6 arrests were made; 4 DMST, 2 Luring for Child Sexual Exploitation
- AZ Attorney General's Office Prosecuting
- Multiple other victims identified, and additional charges filed

Douglas Klingenberg



- Mesa DR – 21-50967
- Charge: Luring a minor for sexual exploitation, attempted sex conduct with a minor
- Klingenberg made a deal for sex with a 13-year-old female.
- Previously attempted to lure a person he believed to be a 15-year-old-female.
- An additional minor was located and interviewed. That minor stated that Klingenberg furnished harmful materials to her. Detectives are still working to identify additional victims and additional charges.

Ricky Hrubieski



- Mesa DR 21-54541
- Charges: Child sex trafficking, money laundering, attempted sex conduct with a minor
- Deal to purchase oral sex with a 14-year-old child.
- Drove to a location to meet the child.
- Mr. Hrubieski's vehicle possessed fake license plates and he had a pistol.

Zachary Babbitt

- Mesa DR: 21-54317
- Original Charge: Luring, attempted sex conduct with a minor
- Undercover detective posing as a 14-year-old.
- Deal was made for sex with condoms.
- Arrest and communication device(s) seized.



Zachary Babbitt - Investigation

- Search of devices netted other victims. Detectives located multiple other young victim girls ages 10-14.
- Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) was located.
- Babbitt used his church to attempt to lure victims.
- Additional Charges: Sexual exploitation of a minor. Luring a minor for sexual exploitation.

Operation “No Name”

Ongoing Operation / Investigation

- Case started by HSI – PHX with an infant victim.
- Multinational / Multistate investigation with large Mesa/Phoenix group.
- Partnership combining resources and investigations: SWAT/SRT, MFL, undercover locations, interview rooms, victim advocates, air support, animal control/humane society.
- 23 search warrants. 23 subjects were arrested. 14 victims rescued or ID'd and pending rescue.

Operation Broken Hearts

Large multiagency operation hosted by Phoenix PD:

- Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) and Child Sexual Exploration Operation.
- 37 arrests were made by the Task Force.
- Mesa and Tempe operated one location, Phoenix and Chandler at another. HSI-Phx and the AZ Attorney General's Office supported both. HEaT and ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) teams partnered on these investigations.
- Maricopa County Attorney's Office prosecution.
- Multiple other victims identified, and additional charges filed.
- Sex offenders were arrested.

Jonathan Holt

- Mesa DR 2021-19914.
- Charge: Child Sex Trafficking, Money Laundering
- Deal was for sex with a 13-year-old female for \$200. The suspect arrived with another male. A third male arrived with firearms.
- Holt stated victim likely would have been killed.



Jeff Coffman

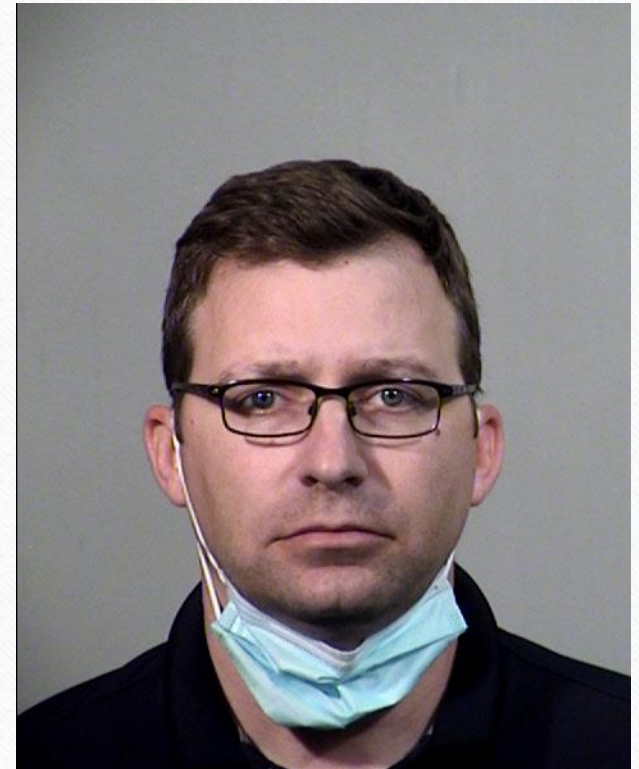
- Tempe IR 21-12460.
- Charge: Aggravated Luring, Sexual exploitation of a minor
- Deal was for oral sex with a 14-year-old boy.
- A search of Mr. Coffman's electronic devices netted a large amount of Child Sexual Abuse Materials (CSAM).



Thomas Fisher

Tempe IR 21-12453

- Charges: Child sex trafficking, attempted sexual conduct with a minor, and money laundering.
- Registered Sex Offender (RSO).
 - Mr. Fisher was previously arrested for Luring a minor.
- Made a deal for sex with a 15-year-old for items of value.



Operation Broken Hearts



Jessica
Mihalovits



Billy Platter

- Mesa DR 2021-22858
- Charges: Aggravated Luring, Attempted Sexual Contact, Sexual Exploitation of a Minor
- Jessica Mihalovits solicited a 14-year-old female for sex and sent full body nude photos.
- Further investigation found a child (pre-10) that was previously victimized by Jessica and Billy.
- Child Sexual Abuse Materials (CSAM) were located.



Eric Niles



Fred Yazzie



Hugo Munoz



Tristan Usleman



Raymond Rendon



Jonathan Holt



Matthew Schaffer



Nicholas Williams



Justin Walowitz



Mark Perry



Otilio Meneses



Gregory Ryan



William Kellin



Brandon Price



Marcos Leyva



Agustin Johnson



Karlton Clemons



Chris Flamard



Erik Rodriguez



Robert Favela



Tyvan Hunter



Wilmont Parker



Mark Smith



John Meadows



Thomas Greenlaw



Mikhael Elkhoury



Thomas Fisher



Jefferson Coffman



Brian Weigler



Hilario Samudio



Shawn Williams



Thomas Casey



Stephen Alavi



Jessica Mihalovits



Thank you

Questions

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