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**Sheriff's Gang Task Force Arrest 14 Men for Solicitation of a Sexual Act**

In February, the Lake County Sheriff's Gang Task Force went undercover, arresting 14 men in a continued national campaign to suppress the demand for purchased sex.

The Lake County Sheriff's Gang Task Force joined a coalition of federal and local law enforcement agencies in a nationwide operation which specifically targeted customers of prostitutes known as "Johns."

This was a web-based operation and utilized classified advertising websites, regularly used as a medium for prostitution. When the "Johns" arrived and offered money to the undercover detectives for sexual acts, they were arrested and transported to the Lake County Jail.

Over the past eight years, this nationwide effort led to the arrests of more than 9,000 total "Johns" and sex traffickers.

Sheriff John Idleburg said, "There is no doubt a correlation between 'Johns' and women being sex trafficked. Sex traffickers take women and juveniles to areas where purchased sexual acts are in high demand, and northeastern Illinois is no exception. Our Gang Task Force will do everything they can to rescue and protect those being forced into involuntary servitude."

Arrested in the 4100 block of Fountain Square Place, Waukegan:

Martin Barajas, 43, 7800 block of 48<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha  
Roberto Lazcon, 29, 1000 block of McCalister Ave, North Chicago  
Ricardo Sanchez-Angel, 44, 200 block of Grove St, Mundelein  
Cristobal Paniagua Ferreira, 33, 1500 block of Wilson Ct, Zion  
Matthew Weigl, 49, 4100 block of 110<sup>th</sup> St, Pleasant Prairie, WI  
Daniel Jones, 26, 400 block of Thornwood Dr, Lindenhurst

Aaron Fink, 42, 900 block of Gregory Ave, Wilmette IL  
Juan Galan, 42, 300 block of S. Lewis Ave, Waukegan IL  
Leslie Horton, 47, 33000 block of N. Mill Rd, Grayslake IL  
Austin Lind, 31, 43000 block of N. Kenosha Rd, Zion IL  
Robert Prager, 57, 600 block of Rockland Rd, Lake Bluff  
Jackie Joyner, 67, 5000 block of Key Ln, McHenry  
Kyle Brenner, 27, 39000 block of N. Dilleys Rd, Wadsworth  
Rajasekar Chinnathambi-Somanathan, 39, 1000 block of Lakehurst Rd, Waukegan IL

All of the above individuals were charged with Solicitation of a Sexual Act (Class A Misdemeanor) and have a return court date of February 25, 2019, at 9:00AM in Courtroom C-401.

Sheriff Idleburg reminds the community all defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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