

## ILLINOIS STATE POLICE NEWS RELEASE

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## <u>ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ARRESTS SIX IN LATEST HUMAN</u> <u>TRAFFICKING ENFORCEMENT OPERATION</u>

**ROCKFORD** – The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Trafficking Enforcement Bureau arrested six individuals during a two-day human trafficking enforcement operation in the Rockford area of Winnebago County on December 4-5, 2024. The operation focused on identifying individuals seeking to engage in commercial sex acts.

As a result of the operation, the following individuals were arrested and charged:

- Carlos A. Rivera (50) of Rockford, IL Indecent Solicitation a Child/Aggravated Sex (Class 1 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Child (Class 3 Felony), and Solicitation to Meet a Child 5 Years of Age + (Class 4 Felony)
- Harry J. Hulmes III (57) of Machesney Park, IL Indecent Solicitation a Child/Aggravated Sex (Class 1 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Child (Class 3 Felony), and Solicitation to Meet a Child 5 Years of Age + (Class 4 Felony)
- Jon D. Juhlin (58) of Rockford, IL Indecent Solicitation a Child/Aggravated Sex (Class 1 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Child (Class 3 Felony), and Solicitation to Meet a Child 5 Years of Age + (Class 4 Felony)
- Lavonte D. Allen (32) of Rockford, IL Indecent Solicitation a Child/Aggravated Sex (Class 1 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Child (Class 3 Felony), and Solicitation to Meet a Child 5 Years of Age + (Class 4 Felony)
- Nathan D. Hayes (31) of Pecatonica Indecent Solicitation a Child/Aggravated Sex (Class 1 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Child (Class 3 Felony), and Solicitation to Meet a Child 5 Years of Age + (Class 4 Felony)
- Gerald L. Hochastatter (71) of Delevan, WI Indecent Solicitation a Child/Aggravated Sex (Class 1 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Child (Class 3 Felony), and Solicitation to Meet a Child 5 Years of Age + (Class 4 Felony)

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This operation was part of a multifaceted approach by ISP aimed at stopping human trafficking in Illinois. ISP special agents, officers from ISP Troops 1 and 3, ISP SWAT, and the ISP Intelligence Support Unit, partnered with the State Line Area Narcotics Team and the Blackhawk Area Task Force for the for the operation. The Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office also provided support for the operation.

<u>Human trafficking</u> is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person into commercial sex acts, labor, or services against their will. ISP continues its multifaceted approach toward protecting those most vulnerable with its ongoing statewide human trafficking enforcement operations. The signs of human trafficking can be subtle; to learn more, please visit <u>Recognizing the Signs | National Human</u> <u>Trafficking Hotline</u>.

If you suspect human trafficking, contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text \*233733. For more information visit <u>www.humantraffickinghotline.org.</u> You can also email <u>ISP.CrimeTips@illinois.gov</u>.



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The charges are not evidence against the defendants, and the defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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