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MBI Undercover Human Trafficking Operation Leads to Arrests and Identification of Victims

Jackson, MS – On Friday, July 09, 2021, the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation launched an undercover operation in Tupelo, MS which resulted in the arrests and charges of 8 individuals and the identification of 7 human trafficking victims who were referred to Victim Services.

“The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation will continue to plan and execute operations aimed at identifying human trafficking victims and separating them from their perpetrators,” said Lieutenant Colonel Lee Morrison, Director of MBI. “This collaborative effort of state agencies and local departments ensures the success of our mission regarding human trafficking.”

The Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Tupelo Police Department, National Guard Counterdrug Task Force, Booneville Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Restore Corps Memphis, Center for Violence Prevention, and the Office of the Mississippi Attorney General assisted in the operation, which resulted in the arrests of the following individuals:

- Dewayne K. Davis, 51, was charged with Child Exploitation.
- Noe Andres Muz, 34, was charged with Child Exploitation.
- Keelan Jerome Smithy, 30, was charged with Child Exploitation.
- Willis Dewayne Traylor, 40, was charged with 2 counts of possession of meth and cocaine.
- Bobby Wade Green, 54, was charged with Promoting Prostitution.
- Keenan Hardy, 32, had three felony warrants for Domestic Violence out of Illinois and was arrested for extradition.
- Two more were charged with Promoting Prostitution and their names will be released upon arrest.

If you suspect someone is a victim of human trafficking, please call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.