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SPD Vice Unit Conducts Online Predator Operation, Multiple Arrests Made



From March 24 through March 30, 2025, the Shreveport Police Department's Vice Unit, in collaboration with Safe from Online Sex Abuse (SOSA), conducted an operation targeting online predators seeking to exploit underage victims.

This operation required extensive intelligence gathering and online engagement, with SOSA volunteers dedicating countless hours in various chat groups to identify and interact with potential offenders. Their efforts were instrumental in ensuring the success of the operation, as coordinating the arrests of these individuals requires significant online presence and investigative work.

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

- Benjamin Picket, White male, DOB: 11/29/1980 – *Indecent Behavior with a Juvenile, Computer-Aided Solicitation of a Minor*
- Christopher Thomas, White male, DOB: 2/3/1994 – *Indecent Behavior with a Juvenile, Computer-Aided Solicitation of a Minor*
- Bryan Stephens, Black male, DOB: 7/14/1993 – *Indecent Behavior with a Juvenile, Computer-Aided Solicitation of a Minor*
- Hayden Day, White male, DOB: 4/24/1998 – *Purchase of Commercial Sexual Activity*
- Corey Lilly, Black male, DOB: 9/28/1981 – *Computer-Aided Solicitation of a Minor, Indecent Behavior with a Juvenile, Resisting an Officer*
- Liltious Mitchell, Black male, DOB: 7/8/1996 – *Computer-Aided Solicitation of a Minor*

The Shreveport Police Department remains committed to protecting the most vulnerable members of our community and will continue to partner with organizations like SOSA to combat online exploitation. We encourage parents and guardians to remain vigilant and aware of their children's online activities.

To learn more about SOSA and its mission to combat online child exploitation, please visit their website at <https://sosatogether.org/>.

Anyone with information regarding online exploitation or suspicious activity is urged to contact the Shreveport Police Department at (318) 673-7300 or Caddo Crime Stoppers at (318) 673-7373.

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