



## Human Trafficking/Solicitation for Child Prostitution Arrests Made By Joint Agency Undercover Operation

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-October 7, 2023**-This week, the Steamboat Springs Police Department was part of a joint undercover operation with the Routt County Sheriff's Office, All Crimes Enforcement Team, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, Homeland Security Investigations, and the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office that arrested three individuals on felony charges.

"This multi-agency operation was a collaboration to target sexual predators in our region," said Chief Mark Beckett. "We will not tolerate human trafficking in our community, and we will continue working with our partners to ensure these people cannot operate in Steamboat Springs and the Routt County area."

The undercover operation resulted in the arrest of three adult males seeking to pay to have sex with children under the age of 18. The arrests were for violating Colorado Revised Statute 18-7-402, Soliciting for Child Prostitution, a Class Three Felony.

Anyone with information or who is a witness to this investigation is asked to contact the Routt County Sheriff's Office, 970.879.1090.

***All persons accused of crimes are presumed innocent until and unless their guilt is established beyond a reasonable doubt in court.***

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