



TURLOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jason Hedden, Chief of Police



PRESS RELEASE

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17 Arrested in Online Chat Operation

On January 5th and 6th, 2024, the Turlock Police Department conducted an online chat operation in the city of Turlock. The mission of this operation was to catch predators that were seeking to meet with underaged children for the purpose of sexual activity. This operation was complex in nature and involved the coordinated effort of multiple agencies and various police department units.

With the support of the Sacramento Valley Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office Special Victim's Unit (SVU), State Parole, and Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office Special Victim's Unit (SVU), officials were able to successfully arrest seventeen individuals on several felony sex-related charges. Twelve of the arrestees were local, while the remaining five were out of county residents, traveling as far as Elverta, CA. All individuals were booked into the Stanislaus County Jail with majority being held on a \$500,000 bail.

This independent investigation was not related to any recent arrests or investigations.

Chief Hedden said, "This operation was the culmination of months of planning by the Turlock Police Department and cooperating agencies. I am proud of Detective Gina Giovacchini and our team for their efforts to intercept those looking to harm children in our community."

Detective Giovacchini, who orchestrated and led the operation, said, "Thank you to our partnering agencies who took part in this operation. Without their collaborative efforts, this operation wouldn't have been nearly as successful as it was. Their assistance

helped keep our youth safe.” She continued, “Keeping our children safe from predators will continue to be my number one priority.”

ARRESTEES



**SHAHBAZ YANGEJEH,
ANTONI
35 YEARS
TURLOCK**

**CHARGES: CONTACT MINOR W/
INTENT SEX AND ARRANGEMENT
TO MEET A MINOR FOR SEX**



**VIERA, JUAN JR
29 YEARS
MODESTO**

**CHARGES: CONTACT MINOR W/
INTENT SEX, ARRANGEMENT TO
MEET A MINOR FOR SEX, AND
POSSESS MATTER DEPICTING
SEXUAL CONDUCT**



**DELACRUZ MARTINEZ,
FERNANDO
36 YEARS
ELVERTA**

**CHARGES: CONTACT MINOR W/
INTENT SEX AND
ARRANGEMENT TO MEET A
MINOR FOR SEX**



**GREER DACANAY, DEVIN
22 YEARS
TURLOCK**

**CHARGES: CONTACT MINOR W/
INTENT SEX AND
ARRANGEMENT TO MEET A
MINOR FOR SEX**



**DOUB, AARON
41 YEARS
TURLOCK**

**CHARGES: CONTACT MINOR W/
INTENT SEX, ARRANGEMENT TO
MEET A MINOR FOR SEX, AND
ATTEMPTED LEWD OR LACIVIOUS
ACTS W/CHILD**



**VELEZ, JUSTIN
37 YEARS
MODESTO**

**CHARGES: CONTACT MINOR W/
INTENT SEX, ARRANGEMENT TO
MEET A MINOR FOR SEX, AND
SOLICIT/ENGAGE PROSTITUTION**



**DEJESUS, MARIO
37 YEARS
TURLOCK**

**CHARGES: CONTACT MINOR
W/INTENT SEX AND POSSESS
MATTER DEPICTING SEXUAL
CONDUCT**



**CARDENAS, ARMANDO
32 YEARS
ATWATER**

**CHARGES: CONTACT MINOR W/
INTENT SEX, ARRANGEMENT TO
MEET A MINOR FOR SEX, AND
METAL KNUCKLES**



**GARCIA AQUINO,
LEOPOLDO
25 YEARS
LIVINGSTON**

**CHARGES: CONTACT MINOR
W/INTENT SEX,
ARRANGEMENT TO MEET A
MINOR FOR SEX, AND
SOLICIT/ENGAGE
PROSTITUTION**



NUNEZ, SALVADOR
28 YEARS
TURLOCK

CHARGES: CONTACT
MINOR W/INTENT SEX



LINAREZ, CESAR JR
25 YEARS
MODESTO

CHARGES: CONTACT
MINOR W/INTENT SEX
AND ARRANGEMENT TO
MEET A MINOR FOR SEX



WILKINSON, BRYCE
19 YEARS
MODESTO

CHARGES: CONTACT MINOR
W/INTENT SEX AND
ARRANGEMENT TO MEET A
MINOR FOR SEX



SLAYTON, GERAD
42 YEARS
MODESTO

CHARGES: CONTACT MINOR
W/INTENT SEX AND
ARRANGEMENT TO MEET A
MINOR FOR SEX



HERRERA SANCHEZ, JOSE
54 YEARS
STEVINSON

CHARGES: CONTACT MINOR W/
INTENT SEX (x2), ARRANGEMENT TO
MEET A MINOR FOR SEX, INDUCE A
MINOR TO USE MARIJUANA (x2),
AND TRANSPORT A CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCE



GODINEZ, ANDREW
21 YEARS
DELHI

CHARGES: CONTACT MINOR
W/INTENT SEX,
ARRANGEMENT TO MEET A
MINOR FOR SEX, AND
RESISTING



**CERNA BERNABE,
JESUS**
29 YEARS
NEWMAN

CHARGES:
ARRANGEMENT TO
MEET A MINOR FOR SEX
AND A WARRANT



MORRISETTE, ANTHONY
41 YEARS
OAKDALE

CHARGES: CONTACT MINOR W/
INTENT SEX AND ARRANGEMENT
TO MEET A MINOR FOR SEX

The Turlock Police Department ask that anyone with information to call Detective Giovacchini at (209) 668-6539. You can also contact the Turlock Police Department's Tip Line at (209) 668-5550 extension 6780 or email at tpdtipline@turlock.ca.us.

The Turlock Police Department is an active participant in the Crime Stoppers Program. Callers can leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636 or (866) 602-7463 and you may be eligible for a cash reward. You can also leave an anonymous tip online at www.stancrimetips.org or by texting "StanCS" to 738447. The P3 app is also available for download for Apple and Android devices.

To receive more detailed, up-to-date information directly from the Turlock Police Department via e-mail or text message, register for "Nixle" alerts at www.Nixle.com or more directly at <https://local.nixle.com/register/>.

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