

Retired JSO officer among 14 arrested in Volusia child sex sting

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Fourteen men, including a retired Jacksonville sheriff's officer, have been arrested in the week-long Operation Volusia Spring Cleaning cyber-sting that targeted adults looking to meet children for sex, according to the Volusia County Sheriff's Office.

Brian Mcree, 51, was charged Saturday with 50 counts of possession of sexual performance by a child, plus use of a computer to solicit a minor, traveling to solicit a minor and unlawful use of two-way communications, according to the Volusia Sheriff's Office. Surveillance video shows him being wrestled to the floor during his arrest at a decoy house in DeBary. A bottle of liquor, gun, a computer with child pornography, a digital camera and an injectable treatment for erectile dysfunction were found on him, according to investigators.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Melissa Bujeda confirmed Mcree was a former employee but wasn't sure what capacity and thinks it was before 2000.

The five-day operation wrapped up on Monday. Undercover officers posing as children went online and waited to be approached by people who thought they were communicating with someone 14 or younger, the Sheriff's Office said. One defendant actually thought he was talking to the mother of a 14-year-old girl.

When the conversation turned to meeting the child for sex, the undercover officer made arrangements to rendezvous at various locations including the decoy house, wired with surveillance cameras to capture the encounters for evidence.

The suspects traveled up to 110 miles to meet after the undercover online encounters, including one who took a 55-mile taxi ride from Kissimmee and another who walked four miles from Deltona, the Sheriff's Office said. Half of those arrested live in Volusia County, investigators said.

This was the third sexual predator cyber-sting done by the Volusia County Sheriff's Office since 2011, and involved a dozen agencies including the Jacksonville and St. Johns County sheriff's offices.

The arrested men ranged in age from 18 to 51. Five brought condoms with them; four sent lewd pictures to the undercover police; and three had guns with them, including Mcree, the Sheriff's Office said. Another defendant, 23-year-old Widler Rislin, works at Disney World.

Also arrested were: Steven Citro, 26, South Daytona; Zachrey Dawson, 23, Deltona; Mahr Mohammedd Ahmed Elbiltagy, 31, Kissimmee; Franklin Gaitan, 40, Orlando; Brian Gillespy, 27, Daytona Beach; Randy King, 24, DeLand; Charles MetCalf, 29, Palm Coast; Mathew Miller, 18,

Orlando; Jerimiah Potter, 22, Ormond Beach; Widler Rislin, 23, Kissimmee; Zackary Schroeder, 21, Daytona Beach; James Stewart, 20, Ormond Beach; and Georgyo Walkine, 22, Orlando.