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Sheriff: 'Monsters' arrested in child sex ring orchestrated by former reserve deputy

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RICHLAND COUNTY, SC (WIS) - Five people, including a former reserve deputy with the Richland County Sheriff's Department, are accused of operating a child sex ring detailed in a Wednesday morning news conference.

Saying the case made him "sick to his stomach," Sheriff Leon Lott called the five men arrested by the sheriff's department "monsters."

Lott said the five men, former Richland County Reserve Deputy Michael Collum, his son, Devlin, Kevin Graef, Calvin Reed, and Andrey Kucherin, are all charged with criminal sexual conduct with a minor.

Kucherin was arrested on Jan. 13. Both Collums, Graef, and Reed were arrested in December on charges of criminal sexual conduct with a minor.

Lott is asking an families who think their children may have been in contact with any of these men to contact investigators.

"We're asking the community, we're asking anyone that knows these five 'monsters,' have anything to do with them, if you have a daughter, a young daughter, talk with her. Sit down and have that talk with them and let us get involved if something has happened," Lott said.

Lott says investigators believe the assaults had occurred over two years. He said Michael Collum helped traffic three young girls.

According to investigators, Collum gave alcohol to a 10-year-old girl, a 13-year-old girl, and a 15-year-old girl, sexually assaulted them, and arranged for other men to assault the girls.

All but Michael Collum have posted bond.

If you have any information that could help deputies continue their investigation into this ring, you are asked to call Crimestoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC.

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