

Blue Wave 2023

Super Bowl LVII

Human Trafficking Enforcement

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Multi-Faceted Approach

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- Outreach Operations
 - 27th Ave Corridor

- Child Predator Operations
 - Multiple locations valley wide

- Street Enforcement
 - Multiple locations valley wide



Multi-Agency Enforcement Operation

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- Phoenix Police Department
- Glendale Police Department
- Mesa Police Department
- Tempe Police Department
- Chandler Police Department
- Peoria Police Department
- Surprise Police Department
- Scottsdale Police Department
- US Marshals Service
- Arizona Anti-Trafficking Network
- Phoenix Children's Hospital
- Mind 24/7
- Queen Creek Police Department
- Goodyear Police Department
- Arizona Department of Public Safety
- Arizona Attorney General Office
- Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center
- Homeland Security Investigations
- DHS Center for Counter Human Trafficking
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- US Customs and Border Protection
- Department of Child Services
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
- International Association of Human Trafficking Inv.



Outreach Operations

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■ Outreach Operations Conducted

- 1/4/23
- 1/11/23
- 1/18/23

■ Results:

- 53 females connected to services
- 1 male connected to services
- 1 juvenile victim recovered



Child Predator Operation

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- Valley wide locations
 - 1/23 – 1/27
- Local and Federal Law Enforcement

- Results:
 - 30 adult males arrested for variety of felony charges related to child sexual exploitation

- Ongoing Investigations



Street Enforcement Operations

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■ Valley wide locations

- 27th Avenue Corridor
- Hotels

■ Multi-Agency Approach

■ Results:

- 48 felony arrests
- 300 misdemeanor arrests (120 of which were sex buyers)
- 5 juvenile victims recovered
- 7 firearms taken off the street



1-877-4AZ-TIPS

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- Super Bowl Operational Period
 - 39 tips received by the Command Center
 - 25 of which came from AZ Tip Line
- Assigned to Analysts or Detectives for follow up



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Questions?

