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The Isle of Wight County Sheriff's Office working in conjunction with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, The Bedford County Virginia Sheriff's Offices Southern Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and other local law enforcement partners continues to aggressively pursue those individuals who exploit our young people via the internet.

Since becoming a member of the Southern Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Isle of Wight County Sheriff's Office has taken advantage of the leadership, training, and resources offered by the Bedford County Sheriffs Office to specifically train and equip two investigators to balance these long term investigations along with their daily caseload. Under the leadership of Sheriff James R. Clarke Jr, over the past 15 months, the Isle of Wight County Sheriff's Office has initiated investigations into child sex exploitation via the internet that has led to the arrest of 24 different individuals and resulted in over 200 felony indictments. It is with the support of the Isle of Wight County Commonwealth's Attorney Office that these cases are being aggressively adjudicated, resulting in lengthy sentences to date.

It is the partnership between the Isle of Wight Sheriff's Office, the Commonwealth's Attorney and other Southern Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force members that these type of offenses will be thoroughly investigated and further reinforces the Isle of Wight County Sheriff's office commitment to our communities, especially our young people. We aim to provide them with a safe place to live, learn, and flourish without the fear of being exploited or victimized by those lurking in the dark shadows of the internet