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5 arrested in sex trafficking sting at Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

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Five men have been arrested following a sex trafficking sting operation during the 2023 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Four of the men are from Rapid City and one is from Box Elder, according to the District of South Dakota U.S. Attorney’s Office.

One is accused of attempting to sexually exploit a minor, which is punishable by up to 30 years in federal prison. The rest are charged with attempted enticement of a minor using the internet, which comes with the potential of 10 years to life in prison.

“Working with our law enforcement partners, we were able to take more dangerous sexual predators off the streets of South Dakota this week,” said U.S. Attorney Alison J. Ramsdell in a press release. “We appreciate the exceptional collaboration between state, local, and federal agencies that made this operation a success.”

Agencies involved in the operation included the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation, the South Dakota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, U.S. Homeland Security Investigations, Ellsworth AFB Office of Special Investigations, the Pennington County Sheriff’s Office and the Rapid City Police Department.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse, launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice.

Below is a list of those facing charges, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Burton Dave Chief, Jr., 35, Rapid City – Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Minor

Vincent Alberto Barrios, 42, Box Elder - Attempted Enticement of a Minor Using the Internet

James Halen Dreamer, 41, Rapid City - Attempted Enticement of a Minor Using the Internet

James Peter Fast Horse, 45, Rapid City - Attempted Enticement of a Minor Using the Internet

Jacob Chinni Wilson, 38, Rapid City - Attempted Enticement of a Minor Using the Internet

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