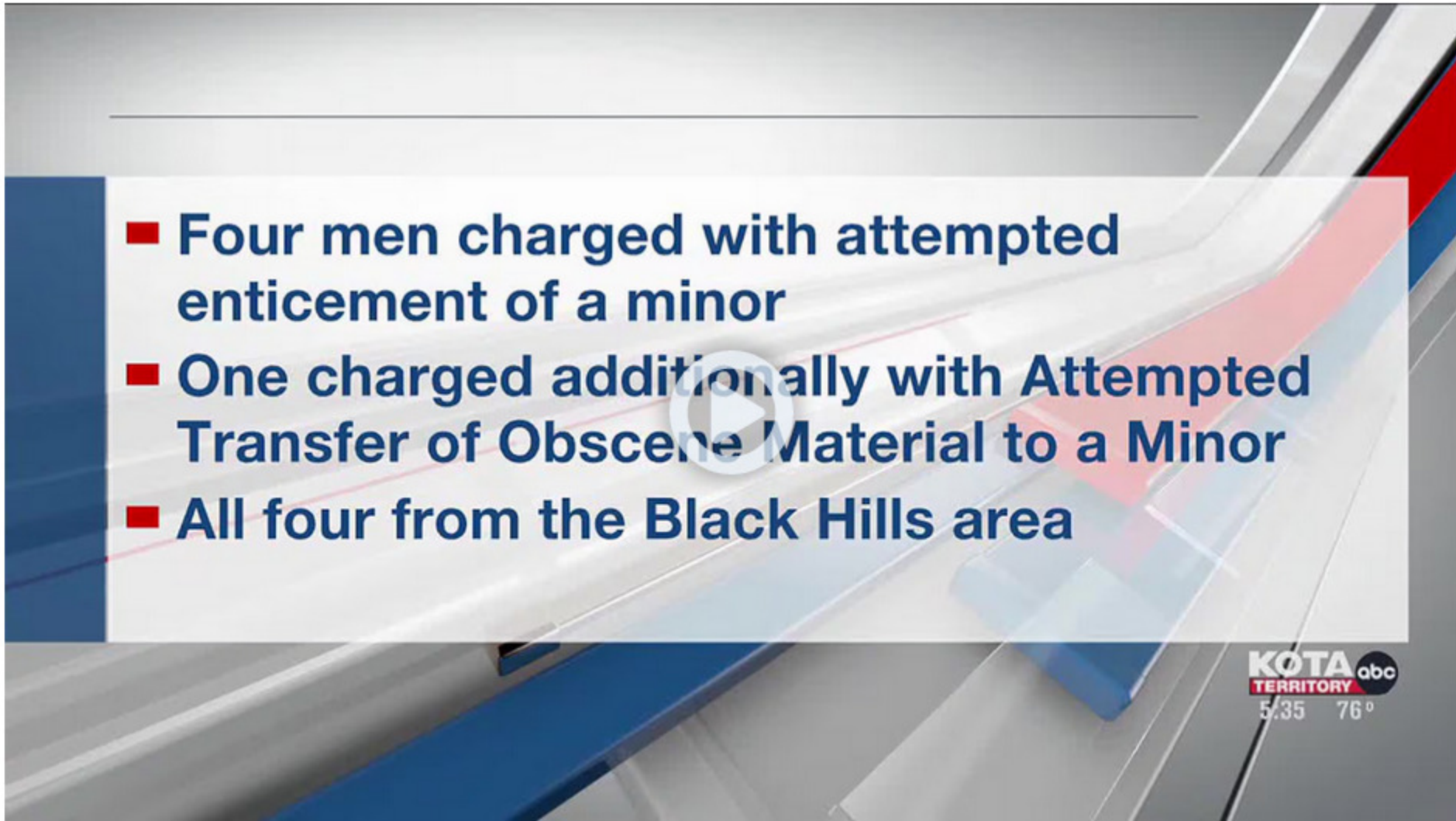


# Child exploitation sting during Sturgis Motorcycle Rally nets 4 arrests of men from Black Hills area



Annual sex trafficking sting conducted in Sturgis.

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RAPID CITY, S.D. (KOTA) - A joint task force operation targeting child predators during the 2025 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally has led to the arrest of four men.

Two of the men are from Rapid City, one is from Black Hawk and another is from Hermosa.


The men from Rapid City are 36-year-old Elmer Hopper and 30-year-old Jayson "Javi" Gomez, both charged with attempted enticement of a minor using the internet. 23-year-old Beau Remington of Black Hawk was charged with attempted enticement of a minor using the internet and attempted transfer of obscene material to a minor. 36-year-old Joshua Allen of Hermosa was charged with attempted enticement of a minor using the internet.

"This sophisticated sting operation pulled together local, state, and federal law enforcement resources to take dangerous sexual predators off the streets and out of our communities," said U.S. Attorney Alison J. Ramsdell in a news release Friday.

"All the individuals who were arrested in this operation are South Dakota residents," said South Dakota ICAC Task Force Commander Toby Russell in the same news release. "This is a sad statistic for our state, but it is a reminder why these operations and investigations are so important."




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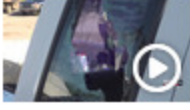
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