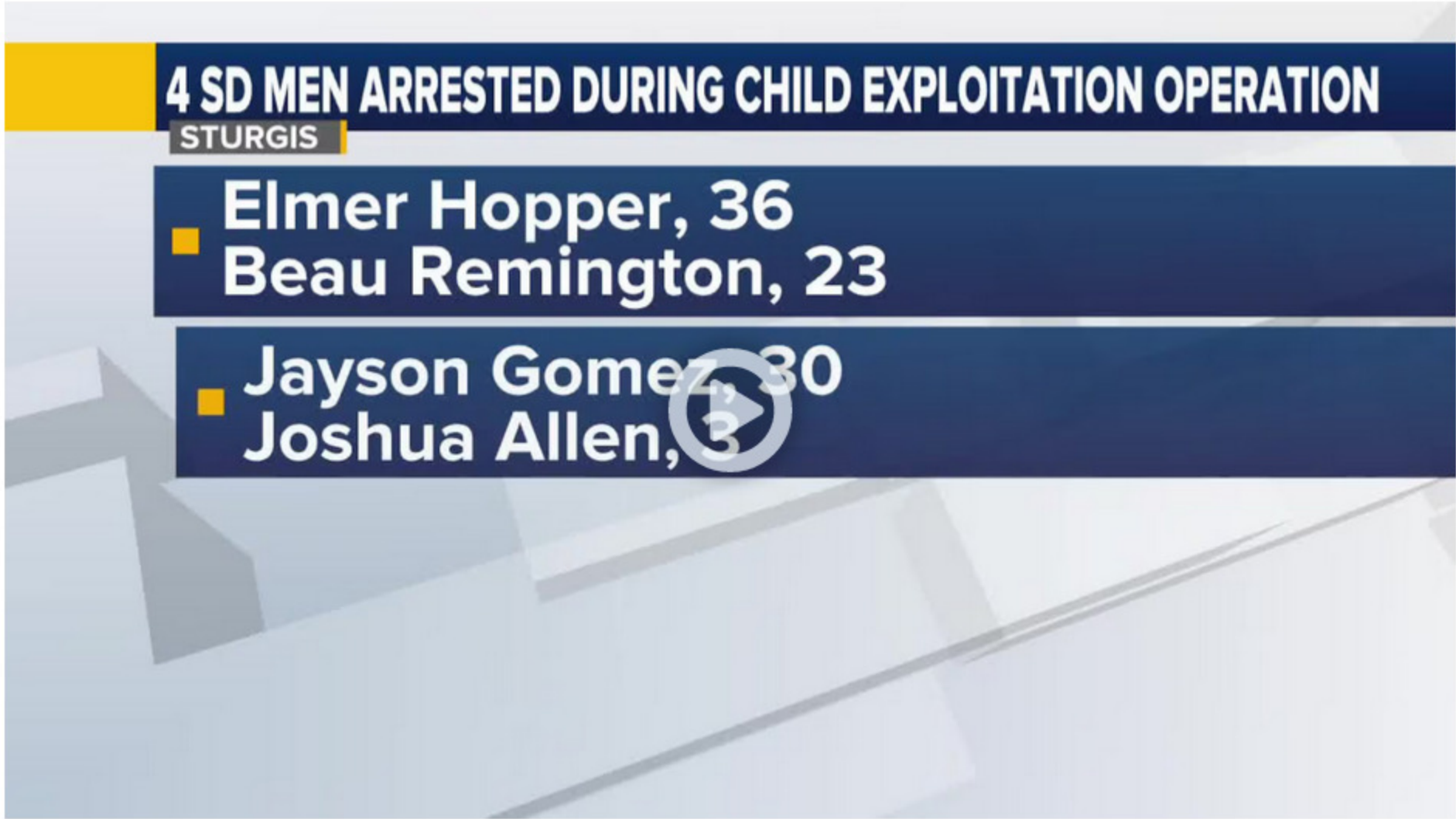


Four men arrested following child exploitation operation at Sturgis Rally



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RAPID CITY, S.D. (Dakota News Now) - United States Attorney Alison J. Ramsdell announced that four men are facing federal charges after a joint sex trafficking and child exploitation operation during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Elmer Hopper, Beau Remington, Jayson Gomez, and Joshua Allen have all been arrested and charged with Attempted Enticement of a Minor Using the Internet.

Remington was also charged with Attempted Transfer of Obscene Material to a Minor.

“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. “We are fortunate here in South Dakota to have officers, agents, and detectives who collaborate each and every day to protect children throughout the state. Now that the operation has safely concluded, the U.S. Attorney’s Office is pleased to announce that four local men have been arrested and will be held to account in federal court.”

The Department of Justice said all four were separately arrested while attempting to meet with who they believed to be a 14-year-old girl to engage in sexual activity.

All four are South Dakota residents.

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