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Police undercover sting operations net 30 arrests in total over 3 month period:

CENTRAL FALLS – On August 26, 2015 the Central Falls Police Department – Special Investigative Unit – along with members of the detective bureau conducted a “John Sting” Operation. During the campaign three female police officers from outside jurisdictions posed as prostitutes and were placed in high traffic areas.

At times our department utilizes mutual aid partnerships with municipal agencies to enhance the effectiveness of these operations. The overall goal is to diminish sex-trafficking, and in doing so, positively impact the quality of life within our City.

Carlos Aguilar (38) of Central Falls was arrested and charged with procurement of sexual conduct for a Fee and the following seven (7) subjects were arrested and charged with soliciting from a motor vehicle for indecent purposes:

Donald Bardon (64) of Central Falls; Albert Elgin (42) of Central Falls; Alan Adams (62) of East Providence; Kevin Day (47) of Pawtucket; Michael Phaneuf (53) of Pawtucket; Juan Henao (38) of Central Falls; and Michael Rainville (33) of Central Falls.

The aforementioned were arraigned in front of a District Court Bail Commissioner and each were given a future court date of September 9, 2015; except for one, Michael Phaneuf, a District Court violator, who was released with a court date for tomorrow.

“I have said this before, yet it bears repeating, sex trafficking is not a victimless crime”, stated Colonel James J. Mendonca, Chief of Police. “. In addition to an actual physical danger posed to both the “johns” and the sex-workers, there are public health concerns due to the spread of communicable diseases and the ever-growing issue of substance abuse; the foremost attributors being heroin and crack cocaine. Additionally, there are quality of life issues with regard to those who reside and work in the areas where this illicit activity occurs. Oftentimes innocent woman are accosted by the “johns”, allured by the presence of prostitution in these areas”. I do not know how this activity can be touted by some as victimless when the purveyors of this activity force labor of human beings for commercial sexual exploitation”.

All total, since May, the Central Falls Police Department has charged seven (7) females and twenty-three (23) males in undercover sting operations.

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