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Tarrant County Sheriff Bill Waybourn, along with local, state, and federal partners, announced the arrest of more than 50 individuals during Operation Red Card, a nine-day multi-agency human-trafficking enforcement initiative conducted during the FIFA World Cup. The operation was led by the Tarrant County Human Trafficking Task Force.

Over the course of three targeted enforcement actions, 56 people were arrested. Ten of those individuals were taken into custody after attempting to meet a minor for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity. These offenders believed they were arranging to exploit children ranging in age from four to fifteen years old. An additional 14 investigations remain active, with arrest warrants pending.

"Human trafficking is modern-day slavery, and we will not tolerate it in Tarrant County," said Sheriff Bill Waybourn. "If you come to Tarrant County to buy sex, we will find you and we will put you in jail. These arrests represent our unwavering commitment to protecting children and holding predators accountable."

Operational Dates

- Arlington Police Department: June 15, 16, 18
- Fort Worth Police Department: June 29, July 1, 2
- Tarrant County Sheriff's Office & Arlington Police Department: July 8, 9, 10

The Tarrant County Human Trafficking Task Force extends its gratitude to the United States Secret Service – Dallas Field Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the FBI Dallas Division, and Rescue Hill for their partnership and support throughout Operation Red Card.

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