



## Alaska State Troopers Conduct Prostitution Sting

*Trooper Special Crimes Investigation Unit Operation Contacted and Charged 22 Men*

**January 24, 2022 (Anchorage, AK)**— The Alaska State Troopers Special Crimes Investigation Unit (SCIU) conducted multiple prostitution patron stings in Fairbanks and Anchorage in January 2022 resulting in charges against 22 men that attempted to solicit sex. Troopers posed as women soliciting sex for money during the operation and contacted the men when they arrived at various locations in each community.

Alaska law prohibits payment for sexual conduct under AS 11.66.100(a)(2). All 22 men contacted during the operation were charged with the Class B Misdemeanor of Prostitution.

“Prostitution is not a victimless crime, and is often financially intertwined with sex trafficking, drug trafficking, violent crimes, and sexual assault,” said **Colonel Bryan Barlow, Director of the Alaska State Troopers**. “Your Alaska State Troopers are committed to investigating and working with our law enforcement partners to hold accountable anyone who victimizes Alaskans. The Alaska State Troopers are planning additional operations in the future to help reduce demand for these illicit services across the state.”

During the Fairbanks operation nine men were contacted and ultimately charged.

Joseph Blanchard, 36, of Fairbanks  
Scott Dayton, 24, of Fairbanks  
Colton Joe, 25, of Northway  
Adam Qualley, 37, of North Pole  
Joshua Reed, 35, of Fairbanks  
Matthew Richards, 25, of North Pole  
William Simmons, 58, of Fairbanks  
Jonathan Sims, 32, of Fort Wainwright  
Gary Tomaszewski, 55, of Fairbanks

During the Anchorage operation 13 men were contacted and ultimately charged.

Scott Bailey, 78, of Eagle River  
Kenneth Carroll, 58, of Anchorage  
Abed Fede, 40, of Anchorage  
Giovanni Garassino, 43, of Anchorage  
Ardijan Kabakchi, 24, of Anchorage  
Carl Kuznicki, 32, of Anchorage  
Ryan Morse, 34, of Fairbanks  
Ronny Randall, 51, of Wasilla  
Lynn Reitz, 62, of Anchorage

Sanh Saechao, 38, of Anchorage  
Dakota Seibert, 24, of Anchorage  
Kenneth Sontag, 71, of Big Lake  
Nicholas Tabaczka, 41, of Anchorage

If you or someone you know is a victim of sex trafficking, you can find help and resources by calling the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1 (888) 373-7888. Or text 'HELP' to 233733.

The Alaska State Troopers are constantly seeking tips and information that will aid our investigations into sex trafficking and other illegal activities around Alaska. Alaskans can submit an anonymous crime tip to the Alaska State Troopers with the AKTips smartphone app, by texting 'AKTIPS' followed by your tip to 847411, or online at <https://dps.alaska.gov/Tips>.

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