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Human Trafficking Investigation

In response to several credible complaints of possible exploitation and potential human trafficking violations, the Summit County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Summit County Prosecutor's Office and Akron Police Department conducted a welfare check on Kent Place in the City of Akron at a location sometimes referred to as "Tent City."

During the course of the investigation on Tuesday, June 14, aided by the Akron Police Department, Summit County detectives discovered that individuals had, in fact, been victimized and required immediate intervention. These individuals were offered medical treatment, counseling, and shelter service options. One of victims was transported to an area hospital as a result of their medical condition.

The Summit County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau continues to investigate suspected sexual offenses and human trafficking violations alleged to have occurred at the location.

During the course of the investigation, the Summit County Sheriff's Office identified thirteen individuals residing in and around the Kent Place location who had active felony warrants for offenses including Burglary, Having Weapons While Under Disability, Sex Offender Non-Compliance, and Possession of Drugs. Those individuals with felony warrants were transported to the Summit County Jail.