

# SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Arrests Made During Human Trafficking Operation**

On December 8, 2022, the Summit County Sheriff's Office and Jackson Township Police Department conducted an investigation into Human Trafficking with the assistance of the Stark County Sheriff's Office, Stark County Metro Narcotics, North Canton Police Department, Springfield Township, and the Massillon City Prosecutor's Office. Several men were encountered during the single-day operation. The following individuals answered an on-line advertisement offering explicit sexual services in exchange for payment. The following individuals were arrested:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Last Known Residence</u>	<u>Charges</u>
Dwayne T. Murray	31	Kent, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1)
Willie A. Fountain III	46	Youngstown, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1)
Michael E. Lyon	53	Dover, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1)
Ger Vang	34	Akron, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1)
Joseph E. Sherwood	45	Medina, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1)
Shane L. Gammel	48	Canton, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1) Possession of Drugs (F-5) Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs (F-4)

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Michael K. Hoover	39	Canton, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1)
James P. Cooney	47	Brunswick, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1)
Keith D. Larew	50	Salem, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1)
Terry R. Renner	64	Massillon, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1)
Rajiv Abichandani	38	Aurora, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1)
Robert L. Kessler	50	Massillon, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1)
Derek E. Rucker	60	Akron, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1)
Roger D. Hoover	61	Chagrin Falls, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1)
Walter L. Martin	53	Akron, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1)
Robert J. Yoder	49	Apple Creek, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1)
John M. Kenzie	58	Coventry Twp, Ohio	Engaging in Prostitution (M-1) Possession of Criminal Tools (M-1)

This operation was a part of the ongoing efforts by the Summit County Human Trafficking Task Force to combat Human Trafficking.