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### **Online Solicitation of a Minor-Sexual Conduct**

COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS – On Tuesday, May 5, 2015 thru Thursday May 7, 2015, the Attorney General’s Child Exploitation Unit with the assistance from the Copperas Cove Police Department began a sting operation targeting child predators who utilize the Internet to sexually solicit and then travel with the intent of committing sex crimes against a minor. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton today announced the arrest of nine suspected child predators. The following subjects listed below were arrested for Online Solicitation of a Minor-Sexual Conduct.



Perez, Justin Logan 21 yrs old from Harker Heights  
Date of Arrest: 05/05/2015  
Online Solicitation of a Minor- Sexual Conduct  
Received a 50,000 Surety Bond



Hosler, Joseph Allen 26 yrs old from Killeen  
Date of Arrest: 05/05/2015  
Online Solicitation of a Minor- Sexual Conduct  
Received a 50,000 Surety Bond



Aboytes-Mendoza, Jesus Antonio 27 yrs old from McGregor  
Date of Arrest: 05/05/2015  
Online Solicitation of a Minor- Sexual Conduct  
Received a 50,000 Surety Bond



Merrill, Steven Lee 37 yrs old from Harker Heights  
Date of Arrest: 05/06/2015  
Online Solicitation of a Minor- Sexual Conduct  
Received a 25,000 Surety Bond



Blankenship, Steven Anthony 26 yrs old from Killeen  
Date of Arrest: 05/06/2015  
Online Solicitation of a Minor- Sexual Conduct  
Received a 25,000 Surety Bond



McVaney, Matthew John Jr. 21 yrs old from Copperas Cove  
Date of Arrest: 05/07/2015  
Online Solicitation of a Minor- Sexual Conduct  
Received a 50,000 Surety Bond



Smith, Jason Lee 34 yrs old from Troy  
Date of Arrest: 05/07/2015  
Online Solicitation of a Minor- Sexual Conduct and Possession of a Controlled Substance  
Penalty Group 1  
Received a 50,000 Surety Bond for Online Solicitation of a Minor- Sexual Conduct  
Received a 8,000 Personal Recognizance Bond for Possession of a Controlled Substance  
Penalty Group 1



Edwards, Martin Kenneth Jr. 31 yrs old from Fort Hood  
Date of Arrest: 05/07/2015  
Online Solicitation of a Minor- Sexual Conduct  
Received a 50,000 Surety Bond



Duven, Robert Thomas 51 yrs old from Killeen  
Date of Arrest: 05/07/2015  
Online Solicitation of a Minor- Sexual Conduct  
Received a 50,000 Surety Bond