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For Immediate Release

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Subject: Multiple Sex Crime Related Arrests through Collaboration with other Law Enforcement Agencies; Including out-of-state Agencies

Holts Summit, Missouri, 12/1/2024 – The Holts Summit Police Department would like to announce multiple sex crime related arrests through collaboration with other law enforcement agencies. The department is pleased to announce, through collaboration with other law enforcement agencies, four (4) arrests have been made in relation to sexual-related offenses that occurred within the City of Holts Summit.

Since December 2023, the department has been conducting follow-up investigations and following-up on leads relating to an adult male from the State of Kentucky who was sending exploited photographs to a juvenile. Through various law enforcement resources and with the assistance of multiple law enforcement agencies, Detective Anderson was able to locate the current whereabouts of the male suspect in the State of Kentucky. A request for an Arrest Warrant was submitted to the Callaway County Prosecuting Attorney and subsequently an Arrest Warrant was in fact issued for the individual's arrest; with a Felony criminal charge of Sexual Misconduct Involving a Child Under 15. The Felony Arrest Warrant included extradition not only for anywhere in the State of Missouri, but also for adjoining states. Within hours of the issuance of the warrant, Detective Anderson was able to work with the Butler County Sheriff's Office, in Kentucky, and the suspect was taken into custody. The individual has since been extradited back to Callaway County where he awaits a criminal trial.

In addition to the above-mentioned investigation, Detective Anderson has been actively working on two (2) separate sexual assault cases. In collaboration with the Callaway County Sheriff's Office, Mexico Department of Public Safety, and the Cole County Sheriff's Office, the suspects in these cases have been taken into custody. Charges requested as a result of these investigations include Sodomy 1st Degree, Statutory Rape 2nd Degree, and Statutory Sodomy 2nd Degree.

Separate from Detective Anderson's cases, on 11/26/2024, Patrol Officer N. Landrum, working in conjunction with the Jefferson City Police Department, conducted proactive patrols within our city and was able to apprehend an individual in reference to a Probation Violation for an original charge of Possession of Child Pornography.

The Holts Summit Police Department firmly believes that through collaboration with local, state, and regional partners we can **AND WILL** make our community safer.

As a reminder, the fact that any person has been arrested and/or charged does not imply that he/she is guilty. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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