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Seven Men Arrested for Commercial Sexual Solicitation

CORVALLIS, Ore. – The Benton County Sheriff's Office conducted a two day prostitution operation April 24-25, 2019, which led to the arrest of seven men at a Corvallis hotel, after soliciting a fictitious woman online to pay for sex.

Once the men initially agreed to pay a fee to engage in sexual conduct or contact, the Oregon crime of Commercial Sexual Solicitation (ORS 167.008¹) was committed, and the men were arrested for a Class A Misdemeanor.

In February of 2018, Benton County Sheriff's Office Detectives ran a similar operation, in which they placed an advertisement on a social media site, which led to the arrest of 10 men.

Detectives created a new advertisement this week. Over 100 persons responded to the ad to pay for sex with a 19-24 year-old woman. Of those, seven ultimately arrived at a local hotel and were taken into custody without incident.

With limited beds available at the Benton County Jail, the seven men were booked and released with citations.

- David Paoletti, 45, of Corvallis
- Andrew Laframboise, 32, of Aumsville
- Dieter Welte, 39, of Eugene
- Khalifam Alhammadi, 20, of Corvallis
- Wesley Burnett, 38, of Albany
- John De Jong, 71, of Corvallis
- Liu Xiaosong, 38, of Corvallis

Prostitution is a dangerous criminal enterprise, closely related to human trafficking, narcotics, violence and sexual assault. This operation demonstrates again, how prevalent prostitution is in Benton County and Oregon.

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