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Date: March 31, 2014 Time: 12:30 P.M.

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Subject: Operation Vanguard – Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)

The Oshkosh Police Department assisted in a large scale task force (Operation Vanguard) authorized by Brown County Sheriff John R. Gossage and Door County Sheriff Terry J. Vogel related to Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). The Door County Sheriff's, Marathon County Sheriff's, Shawano County Sheriff's, and Outagamie County Sheriff's Offices along with Ashwaubenon Public Safety, Sturgeon Bay Police, Green Bay Police and Wausau Police Departments assisted in this task force.

During the three day task force which operated from Thursday, March 27 to Saturday, March 29, 2014, nineteen individuals were arrested. Of those nineteen arrested, four were taken into custody in the City of Oshkosh.

A 30 year old male from Fond du Lac, WI was arrested on Friday, March 28, 2014 at about 9:30 pm in the area of S. Washburn St and W. 9th Ave. for Child Enticement. He was taken to the Winnebago County Jail.

A 17 year-old male was also arrested on Friday, March 28, 2014 at about 12:30 pm in the area of Southland Ave and N. Westfield St. He is being referred to the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office for Child Enticement.

A 60 year-old Oshkosh man was arrested on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 6:10 pm in the 1300 block of Otter Ave. in Oshkosh. The male was arrested for Child Enticement and transported to the Winnebago County Jail.

A 32 year-old male from Oshkosh was also arrested on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at about 7:10 pm in the 3800 block of Jackson St. in Oshkosh. The male was arrested for Child Enticement and transported to the Winnebago County Jail.

The Oshkosh Police Department is advising parents to be aware of the contacts that their children may have while using social media. Parents should check their children's messages and posts on the phone and on social media that they send and receive. You may prevent an unfortunate occurrence from happening to your child by checking these messages periodically.

For more information, please check the National Crime Prevention Council website for Internet and Social Media Safety at www.ncpc.org.

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