Twelve Males Arrested During Child Sexual Exploitation Investigation

Twelve individuals have been arrested following a proactive human trafficking enforcement initiative.

Over 10 days in October 2026, investigators conducted Project Firebird, a proactive enforcement initiative targeting individuals seeking to purchase sexual services from persons they believed to be 15 years of age. As part of the initiative, our investigators placed an online advertisement targeting individuals seeking to purchase sexual services from a person represented to be 15 years old. The advertisement received more than 8,000 views.

The investigation resulted in numerous individuals attempting to arrange meetings for sexual services with someone they believed to be a minor. As a result of the investigation, 12 individuals were arrested and face 36 Criminal Code charges and one Controlled Drugs and Substances Act charge.

Mohamed SHAFFEE, age 64, of Markham, is charged with:
Luring a Person for the Purpose of Obtaining Sexual Services Under 18
Obtaining Sexual Services Under 18
Invitation to Sexual Touching Under 16

Joshua REID, age 49, of Simcoe, is charged with:
Luring a Person for the Purpose of Obtaining Sexual Services Under 18
Obtaining Sexual Services Under 18
Invitation to Sexual Touching Under 16

Andre MCGANN, age 43, of Scarborough, is charged with:
Luring a Person for the Purpose of Obtaining Sexual Services Under 18
Obtaining Sexual Services Under 18
Invitation to Sexual Touching Under 16
Possession of a Schedule 1 Substance for the Purpose of Trafficking

Mayan RANJAN, age 39, of Ajax, is charged with:
Luring a Person for the Purpose of Obtaining Sexual Services Under 18
Obtaining Sexual Services Under 18
Invitation to Sexual Touching Under 16

Zaheed MOHAMED, age 40, of Brampton, is charged with:
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Suresh RAVURU, age 41, of Ajax, is charged with:
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Clement CHAN, age 36, of Whitby, is charged with:
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Mohammad MABBOOBI, age 22, of Oshawa, is charged with:
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MD Uzzal MRIDHA, age 49, of Scarborough, is charged with:
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Samiullah AZIZI, age 29, of Clarington, is charged with:
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Vincent HARESCO, age 46, of Oshawa, is charged with:
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Devin HILL, age 42, of Clarington, is charged with:
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Obtaining Sexual Services Under 18
Invitation to Sexual Touching Under 16

Project Firebird demonstrates the ongoing demand for the sexual exploitation of children online and highlights the importance of proactive investigative techniques in identifying offenders before harm can occur. DRPS remains committed to protecting vulnerable youth, disrupting human trafficking and child exploitation networks, and holding offenders accountable.

