



# FBI Press Release

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### **FBI Announces Results of Human Trafficking Operation for SBLIII**

Atlanta- The FBI is announcing the results of an 11-day effort by the Violent Crimes Against Children/Human Trafficking Program and Metro Atlanta Child Exploitation (MATCH) Task Force. The effort leading up to Super Bowl LIII, was collaborated with over 25-local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and District Attorney's Offices, along with 7-non-government organizations.

From January 23, 2019 to February 2, 2019, the operation's goal was to raise awareness about sex trafficking by proactively addressing that threat during the Super Bowl and events leading up to the Super Bowl. Sex trafficking is not just a problem during large scale events, it is a 365-day-a-year problem in communities all across the country.

Results:

**169** Arrests, including 26-traffickers and 34-individuals attempting to engage in sex acts with minors

**9** Juvenile sex-trafficking victims recovered (youngest was 14 years of age)

**9** Adult human trafficking victims identified

The FBI would like to thank its many partners who contributed to the effort's success:

MATCH Task Force agencies: Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), US Attorney's Office Northern District of Georgia, Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI), Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, Atlanta PD, Alpharetta PD, Clayton County PD, Cobb County PD, DeKalb County PD, Dunwoody PD, Brookhaven PD, Gwinnett County PD, Marietta PD, Smyrna PD

Other law enforcement agencies: Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Fulton County Sheriff Office, North Metro SWAT Team, Johns Creek-Alpharetta-Forsyth (JCAF) Task Force, Clayton County Sheriff Office, Douglas County Sheriff Office, Douglasville PD, Coweta County Sheriff Office, Roswell PD, Fulton County Schools PD, Fulton County PD, Georgia Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force

Non-Government Agencies: Georgia Department of Family and Children Services, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA), Georgia Cares, 4Sarah, Out of Darkness, Street Grace, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, In Our Backyard

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