



# SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE



## PRESS RELEASE



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On November 15, 2012, investigators with the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (SOVA-ICAC) and the North Carolina Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (NCICAC), served a search warrant in the 5000 Block of Sullivantown Rd., in Walkertown, NC and seized evidence related to an ongoing investigation in to the online sexual exploitation of a child.

Investigators form the Bedford County Sheriff's Office, assigned to the SOVA-ICAC, were investigating a suspect who was online soliciting children for sexual purposes. Investigators were able to identify and locate the suspect as Grady Wayne Mabe, Jr. who was living in North Carolina. The investigators contacted the NCICAC, and arrangements were made to execute a search warrant at Mabe's residence in NC. In addition, arrest warrants were obtained by the SOVA-ICAC investigators, for violation of the Code of Virginia Statute 18.2-374.3, "Use of a Communications System to Solicit a Child".

During the service of the search warrant, Grady Wayne Mabe Jr. was arrested pursuant to the warrants from Virginia. Mabe was taken to the Forsyth County Law Enforcement Detention Center and was confined with no bond. He is currently incarcerated in the FCLEDC awaiting extradition to Virginia. Mabe's next scheduled court appearance is November 30, 2012, in Preliminary court, in North Carolina.