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Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office Partners with Sentinel Foundation to crack down on child trafficking and exploitation.

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Cabarrus County Sheriff (CCS) has signed a memorandum of understanding with counter child-trafficking organization Sentinel Foundation. This agreement will augment the efforts of Cabarrus County law enforcement to stop predators.

Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world, and it is a growing problem here in the US along with the rest of the world. Cabarrus County officials understand this issue and the need to expand the response to such insidious crimes. Sentinel Foundation enters into the partnership bringing needed tools, assistance, and expertise.

As part of the agreement Sentinel Foundation already hosted the 1st one week training program for law enforcement officers with CCS on open source Intelligence (OSINT) research, covert surveillance tactics, specialized investigative software use and warrant training. Part of these training sessions is working through active case loads which had the positive operational impact of 6 arrests; 5 on probable cause and 1 warrant for a discovered hands-on offender.

“Partnerships like this strengthen our ability to protect those who need it most. We’re proud to work alongside Sentinel Foundation to enhance our investigative capabilities, combat child exploitation, and better serve the children and families of Cabarrus County.”

- Det. Jason Fetzer, CID, Cabarrus County Sheriff's Dept.

“Sentinel is grateful for the opportunity to work alongside the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office and support their efforts to protect the community. This training and operation demonstrate what can be accomplished when strong local law enforcement partners



combine effective investigative tools with decisive action. We are proud to advance Sentinel's mission here at home and contribute to an operation that resulted in six arrests, including the arrest of a hands-on offender.”

- Andrew Guenther – CEO, Sentinel Foundation

You can Learn more about Sentinel Foundation, or make a contribution to support the mission to end child trafficking and exploitation everywhere at www.foundationsentinel.org.

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