

IPC News

Interdiction for the Protection of Children

Virginia



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Joshua McClure

Virginia State Police Trooper

You are encouraged to commend Virginia State Police Trooper Joshua McClure for his initiative.

In 2021, Trooper McClure initiated a traffic stop. Upon the initial approach of the vehicle, Trooper McClure recognized the vehicle was occupied by an adult female driver who appeared to be upset and scared. Trooper McClure utilized a victim center approach when speaking with the adult female driver and discovered that she had been brought to the United States illegally at the age of 14. Furthermore, the adult female made an outcry about being continuously sexually assaulted and forced into human trafficking for approximately two years to pay off her border crossing debt.

The adult female also provided evidence via phone through the "Snapchat" application, showing someone was not only sending Sexual Abuse Material to her, but also promoting Online Solicitation of a Minor and Organ Trafficking. Virginia State Police High Tech Crimes Division and Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) was contacted to further the investigation by interviewing the adult female and determining there was sufficient evidence to obtain electronic search warrants to determine the sender of all the illegal material.

The adult female was provided local resources for victims of human trafficking. The investigation is ongoing. Trooper McClure attended an introduction of the Interdiction for the Protection of Children in 2020 while in the Virginia State Police Academy.

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