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Two People Arrested by the Elko Combined Narcotics Unit Following Investigation Involving Juvenile Sex Crimes

Elko, Nev. - On June 12, 2018, the Elko Combined Narcotics Unit with the assistance of the Elko Police Department, Elko County Sheriff's Office, Department of Public Safety, Investigation Division and Parole and Probation Division, and the US Homeland Security Investigations conducted four residential and two business search warrants resulting in the arrest of two Elko men.

Defendant Brandon Evans was arrested on eight counts of Lewdness with a Child Under 16, one count of Possession of Visual Presentation Depicting Sexual Conduct of Person Under 16 years of age, one count of Luring Children or Person of Mental Illness, one count of Open and Gross Lewdness and two counts of Sexual Assault. Evans was booked into the Elko County Jail with a bail of three million, forty-five thousand dollars.

Defendant Jake Vega was arrested on one count of Luring Children or Person of Mental Illness and four counts of Open and Gross Lewdness and booked into the Elko County Jail with a bail of forty-thousand dollars.

In February of 2018, ECNU Detectives uncovered these crimes while investigating an unrelated crime in Elko and concluded today's operation with the execution of six simultaneous search warrants and two arrests. The defendants, in this case, are accused of luring a child under the age of 18 to participate in sexual activity and used digital media to exchange images of a sexual nature.

This is an ongoing investigation, and ECNU anticipates more charges to be filed. If anyone has additional information regarding this case, please contact the ECNU Tip Line at 775-777-DOPE (3673).

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The Elko Combined Narcotics Unit is comprised of detectives from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Investigation Division, Elko County Sheriff's Office, Elko Police Department, Carlin Police Department and West Wendover Police Department. The Elko Combined Narcotics Unit is partially funded by the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance.
