

Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation Ninth Judicial Circuit



Board of County Commissioners Presentation
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Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation

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- Multi-Agency, Locally Controlled Task Force
- Operates in the Ninth Judicial Circuit
(Orange and Osceola Counties)
- Mission:
 - Investigate Mid-Level Drug Trafficking
 - Investigate Human Trafficking
 - Investigate Organized Vice Operations



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History of MBI

- Founded in 1978

Longest running Task Force of its type in U.S.

- Purpose

Dismantle and disrupt criminal enterprises that operate across jurisdictional lines.

Improve the Quality of Life in Central Florida



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Current Member Organizations

State Attorney's Office Ninth Judicial Circuit

Orange County Sheriff's Office

Orlando Police Department

Osceola County Sheriff's Office

Winter Park Police Department

Apopka Police Department

Ocoee Police Department

Winter Garden Police Department

UCF Police Department

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Florida Highway Patrol



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Partner Federal Agencies

- **Federal Bureau of Investigations**
- **Drug Enforcement Administration**
- **Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms**
- **U.S. Secret Service**
- **U.S. Homeland Security Investigations**
- **U.S. Postal Inspection Service**



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Narcotics Section

- Undercover Squads
- Airport Narcotics Unit
- Physician/Pharmaceutical Crimes Squad



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Narcotics Section Operation Nights Watch

- Eastside of County
- Defendants had extensive criminal histories, high capacity weapons and body armor.





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Operation Nights Watch

- MBI had to intervene during the investigation to prevent a kidnapping and other drive-by shootings.
- 24 defendants charged, 16 firearms, 3 kilos of cocaine, half kilo of heroin



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Operation Last of Mojicas

- Westside of County
- Defendants were coordinating shipments of Heroin and Fentanyl from the Sinoloa Cartel in Mexico.





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Operation Last of Mojicas

11 defendants charged, 3 stolen firearms, high capacity weapons seized, 3.5 kilos of heroin





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Operation Not So Happy Place

- Southside of County
- Defendants were extremely violent. Suspected in homicides, drive-by shootings, home invasions.





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Operation Not So Happy Place

- 16 defendants charged, sears for converting to automatic weapons & firearm with altered serial number recovered.





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Narcotics Section

2018

- 5 Drug Trafficking Organizations – Dismantled or Disrupted
- Over 49 kilos of Cocaine - Seized
- Over 14 kilos of Heroin - Seized
- Over 29 kilos of N-Ethylpentylone (Molly) - Seized
- Over 11 kilos of Methamphetamine - Seized



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Narcotics Section

1978-2018

- 116 Drug Trafficking Organizations Dismantled or Disrupted
- Over \$250,000,000 in Illegal Drugs Seized
- Over 3,500 Drug Traffickers Arrested



2018 Case Dispositions

- Miguel Mercado Heroin Trafficker 60 years Department of Corrections
- Jerry Sanchez Heroin Trafficker 40 years Department of Corrections
- Juan Montanez Heroin Trafficker 25 years Department of Corrections
- William Calvin Allen Heroin Trafficker 25 years Department of Corrections
- David Gascot Lugo Cocaine Trafficker 25 years Department of Corrections
- Robert Foster Meth Trafficker 20 years Department of Corrections
- Luis Burgos Rosado Cocaine Trafficker 16 years Department of Corrections
- Miguel Valentin Heroin Trafficker 15 years Department of Corrections
- Malvin Ramos Cruz Cocaine Trafficker 15 years Department of Corrections

- Edsen Gelin Cocaine Trafficker 50 years Federal Prison
- Jimmy Fernetus Cocaine Trafficker 40 years Federal Prison
- Kissinger St Fleur Cocaine Trafficker 20 years Federal Prison
- Ronny Joseph Cocaine Trafficker 20 years Federal Prison
- Eric Jean Giles Cocaine Trafficker 10 years Federal Prison
- Raymond Ayap Cocaine Trafficker 10 years Federal Prison and deportation



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Vice/Organized Crime Section

- Adult Entertainment Establishments
- Organized Prostitution
- Illegal Gambling Establishments



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Address for previous A & E/Adult Book Stores/Body Services/Massage Parlors

Location	Current Business
6440 N. Orange Blossom Trail	Trophy & Engraving
1718 S. Orange Blossom Trail	Auto Body Shop
2015 S. Orange Blossom Trail	Gas Station
2719 S. Orange Blossom Trail	Orange Blossom Trail Development Board
3400 S. Orange Blossom Trail	Auto Sales
3535 S. Orange Blossom Trail	Children's Play Equipment
4831 S. Orange Blossom Trail	Pawn Shop
4850 S. Orange Blossom Trail	Auto Sales
4862 S. Orange Blossom Trail	Restaurant
4925 S. Orange Blossom Trail	Carpet Wholesaler
5725 S. Orange Blossom Trail	Auto Sales
9319 S. Orange Blossom Trail	Car Rental



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Address for previous A & E/Adult Book Stores/Body Services/Massage Parlors

Location	Current Business
1613 Lee Road	Veterinarian
1720 Lee Road	Bank
2950 Aloma Avenue	Coffee Shop
7411 Aloma Avenue	Walgreens
5409 Edgewater Drive	Contractor Tools
3434 Edgewater Drive	Dental Office
2012 Curry Ford Road	Income Tax
1907 Sand Lake Road	Employment Agency
355 N. Orange Avenue	Bank
4211 W. Colonial Drive	Auto Sales
1516 W. Fairbanks Avenue	Flower Shop
380 Semoran Commerce Place	Business Center



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- Positive Impact on Communities
- Enhance Property Values
- Attract Legitimate Businesses
- Quality of Neighborhoods



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Human Trafficking Squad

- Specialized Investigators
- Victim Advocates
- Intelligence Analyst



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Human Trafficking

Florida Ranks # 3 in calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline

Understanding Human Trafficking



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Human Trafficking Tips Received at MBI

2017 - 230

2018 - 220

National Human Trafficking Hotline – 1-888-373-7888

CrimeLine – 1-800-423-TIPS



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The screenshot shows a news article from the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation. The headline is "Sex-slavery suspect busted for trafficking teen, child porn, MBI says". Below the headline is a mugshot of a man with dark, curly hair and a mustache, identified as Martin Thomas Wright III (Orange County Jail). To the right of the mugshot is an advertisement for "SHELLS" with the text "COLLECT SHELLS. CREATE MEMORIES. DISCOVER THE TRUE VALUE OF PARADISE." Below the advertisement is a "Related" section with a link to "Orange County passes ordinance to curb human trafficking" dated Dec 1, 2019. At the bottom of the article, it says "By Stephanie Allen - Contact Reporter" and "Chief Writer".

- Martin Wright recruited high school aged females into prostitution
- Exploited victims through online prostitution advertisements
- Charged with Human Trafficking and 20 counts of Child Pornography
- Convicted of Human Trafficking and Sentenced to DOC



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- Darrius White Trafficked 2 juveniles and multiple adult victims for commercial sex throughout Florida
- Used violence and drugs to coerce victims for forced prostitution
- Convicted in State Court Sentenced to 2 Life Sentences.



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- Abdullah Hamidullah – Used physical force, sexual assault and branding to force multiple women into interstate prostitution.
- Prosecuted by Middle District – U.S. Attorney’s Office and DOJ Civil Rights Division
- Sentenced to over 40 in prison and ordered to pay \$1.1 million in restitution to the victims.



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The Customer Side of Commercial Sex

- Todd Bush is a Registered sex offender
- Served time in prison for Soliciting a Parent for Sex with a Minor
- Currently on Probation
- Attempted to “rent” a pre-teen female for sex for a weekend.





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MBI's Success

- Dedicated Support by the MBI Governing Board
- High Quality of Personnel
- Strong Relationships

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