

# Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation Ninth Judicial Circuit

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Board of County Commissioners Presentation  
March 21, 2023



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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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- 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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## **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**

**Kissimmee Police Department**



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## Narcotics Section

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



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## “Operation Juice is Loose”

- Gang Members responsible for multiple murders and shootings.
- Leader of gang was suspected in 10 murders and had been shot three times before he was murdered.

### **Arrest made in March 2016 shooting death of Orlando man**

Antwain Turner charged with first-degree murder



### **1 killed in shooting off East Colonial Drive**

By KATIE RICE  
ORLANDO SENTINEL | JAN 25, 2020 AT 12:43 PM





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## “Operation Juice is Loose”

- Trafficking in multiple kilos of cocaine and Fentanyl
- Trap Houses in East Orange County
- One house sold 24,000 hits of fentanyl and cocaine each week.
- Area with highest number of overdoses.







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## “Operation X Force”

- Rival Gangs – 438 Gang and Army Gang
- In 2020 – Weekly drive-by shootings with hundreds of rounds fired from semi-automatic and full automatic weapons







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## “Operation X Force”

- H.S. football player shot and killed
- Drive-by shooting at daycare in Pine Hills
- 3 year old child was killed by gunfire during a drive-by shooting
- 12 year old killed by gunfire while lying in bed
- 16 year old killed while riding in car
- Gang shooting at Mall of Millennia



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## Results of Investigations

- 56 arrests – 33 leaders or prominent gang members
- Racketeering, Drug Trafficking, Firearms Charges
- 22 firearms seized – two were used in murders
- Four murders solved or cleared
- 4.5 kilos of fentanyl – 5 kilos of cocaine seized



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## Investigation Results

- OPD reported 57% decrease in homicides and shootings in Parramore
- OPD reported 24% decrease in shootings citywide
- OCSO reported zero crimes of violence between gangs





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Agents discovered the suspect was selling large quantities of Fentanyl.

Undercover Agent began buying Fentanyl from the suspect when the suspect volunteered he could sell fully automatic weapons.

Undercover Agent purchased 160 grams of Fentanyl, 3 fully automatic Glock handguns, and 3 fully automatic AR-15 pistols from the suspect.





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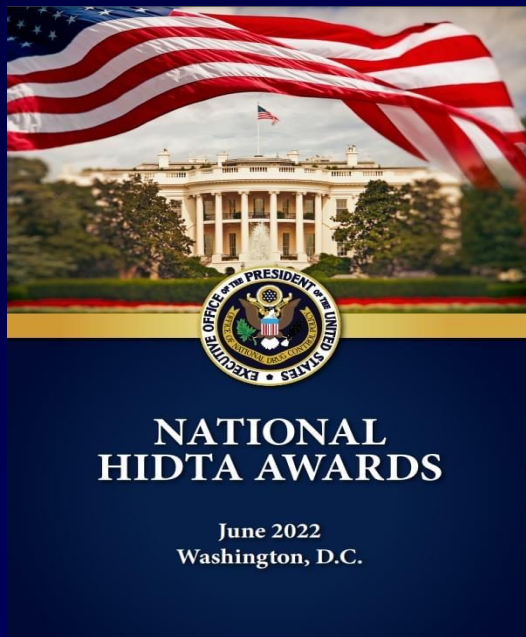
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## National HIDTA Awards

2019 Outstanding Investigative Effort

2022 Outstanding Violent Organization Investigative Effort



“For Rare and Significant Achievement”



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1978-2022

- 131 Drug Trafficking Organizations Dismantled or Disrupted
- Over \$360,000,000 in Illegal Drugs Seized
- Over 3,689 Drug Traffickers Arrested





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## Vice/Human Trafficking Section

- Human Trafficking or Adults and Juveniles
- Adult Entertainment Establishments
- Organized Prostitution
- Illegal Gambling Establishments



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## Human Trafficking

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

Understanding Human Trafficking

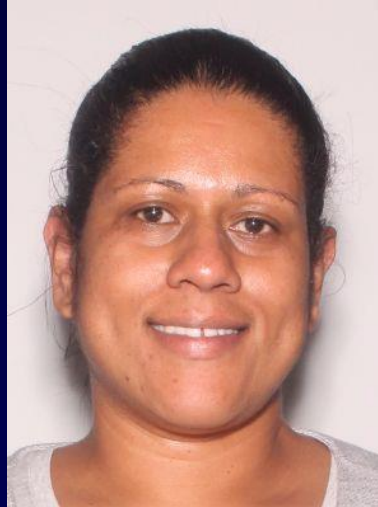


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Angel Ortiz-Perez



Claritza Martinez



Antonio Rivera-Soto

- Defendants forced the juvenile victim to engage in sex in return for a place to stay
- Took advantage of the juvenile's transient state, knowing she had no other options



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## John Gillespie



- Gillespie was a Central Florida defense attorney
- Recruited adults and juveniles for sex and prostitution through law practice
- Agreed to meet 16 year old and pay \$100 for sex
- Multiple victims have come forward since the media released the story



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Leonard Redwood



Khadisha Nelson

- Victim was 14 year old female
- Suspects traveled from Kissimmee to Gainesville, at 1:00 a.m. to pick up victim after contact on a social media app.
- Trafficked in Kissimmee and Jacksonville



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Bobby Brooks



Cristina Pena

- Bobby Brooks is a violent trafficker who trafficked victim across state lines
- Pena was Brooks part of Brooks organization & assisted with the trafficking of their victims
- 5 subjects were charged in connection with organization

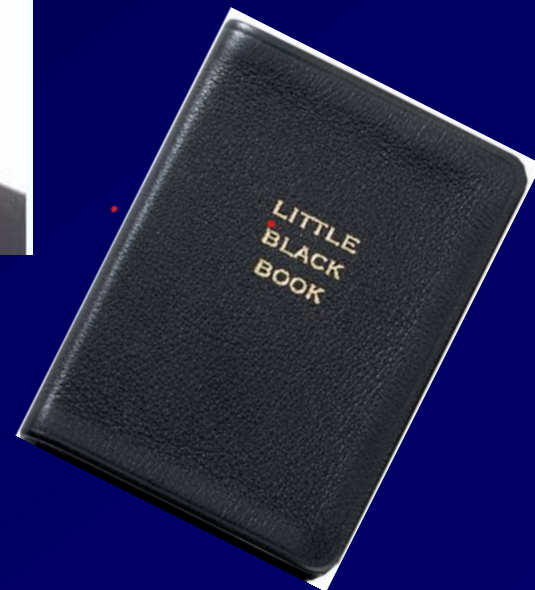




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- Antone Affrunti was 60 years old
- Owned his own photography business
- Met his victims on “Sugar Daddy” websites
- Had sex with child for money
- During takedown operation agreed to meet with child at hotel





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## Jarwon Parker



- One victim died of an overdose
- Parker attempted to sell another victim
- Jarwon Parker bonded out of Orange and Seminole Counties.
- Within days was in contact with juvenile victim offering to pay her to drop the charges.
- Agents re-arrested Parker on Tampering charges.



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- Specialized Investigators
- Victim Advocates
- Intelligence Analysts



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2019-2022

- 744 Tips - 575 Involved Juveniles
- 264 Victims Recovered – 90 Juveniles



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### MBI's Success

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

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