WSIN and RISS a Key to Combating Human Trafficking

As part of the national RISS network, WSIN delivers valuable products and services to assist law enforcement personnel in investigating and prosecuting major crimes including human trafficking organizations at no cost:

RISS Criminal Intelligence Database (RISSIntel)—RISSIntel is a long-standing, proven database that connects law enforcement agencies throughout the country that are investigating the same subjects involved in major crimes including human trafficking. A key feature of RISSIntel is that it is not simply a “human trafficking database.” RISSIntel is a database that contains subjects for which there is criminal predicate relating to a multitude of crimes, thereby allowing law enforcement officers to “connect the dots” between the gang members and/or drug traffickers who are also engaging in human and/or sex trafficking.

RISSafe Watch Center—RISSafe provides human trafficking task forces with a means to avoid blue-on-blue conflicts when they conduct surveillance, serve a search/arrest warrant, or perform other operations. RISSafe events are monitored on a 24/7/365 basis by watch center personnel and ensures that law enforcement officers are continuously supported with access to the RISSIntel database and RISSafe and receive immediate notification of conflicts.

Specialized Equipment Program—WSIN loans a variety of specialized and custom-built equipment to assist law enforcement officers in pursuing human trafficking organizations.

Analytical Support—WSIN’s analytical assistance enhances investigations by organizing the information developed and presenting a variety of visual products that demonstrate the breadth of the human trafficking enterprise: the key players, including pimps, johns, recruiters, and victims; the geographical scope of the criminal organization; communication between key subjects; and chronological incidents.

California Leadership for WSIN

In addition to federal monitoring, WSIN is governed by a Board of Directors composed of one state and one local representative from each participating state. In California, these leadership positions are held by the following WSIN Board members:

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Examples of WSIN Successes in California

Bureau of Investigation
RISSIntelligence
Operation Dog Track culminated in the arrests of 28 individuals who have been charged with a range of federal crimes, including conspiracy to commit murder, human trafficking, and fraud. This operation was a joint investigation by the California Department of Justice’s Bureau of Investigation, Special Operations Unit, and the Fresno Police Department. The operation was targeting human trafficking and an elaborate fraud scheme of the Dog Pound criminal street gang (DPG). During the course of the investigation, law enforcement agents queried all primary targets, and phone numbers through RISSIntelligence. A major break in the case came when intelligence information received from WSIN revealed that another investigation was being conducted by another human trafficking task force. This information provided agents with enough probable cause to obtain a court-authorized wire-intercept order on a DPG member who was involved in human trafficking. As a result of this investigation, more than $480,000 in cash and multiple vehicles were seized. A total of eight human trafficking victims were identified who were being coerced into the commercial sex trade.

Santa Clara County Specialized Enforcement Team
Confidential Funds
Operation Amigos has been a long-term case regarding drug trafficking cells associated to the Sinaloa Cartel, which was confirmed by the United States Attorney General’s Office. These cells were primarily in Los Angeles County, Alameda County, San Mateo County, and Santa Clara County. WSIN provided funds for Operation Amigos for the purchase of cocaine and for informant support. The lead agency was the Santa Clara County Specialized Enforcement Team, with the Unified Narcotic Enforcement Team and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration assisting. The informant was able to make numerous controlled purchases from a main suspect in Oakland, who was distributing cocaine throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Several federal wiretaps were authorized, and the case resulted in the arrest of six suspects and the indictment of two others. Charges included distribution and possession with intent to distribute cocaine, use of a communication facility to commit felony drug offenses and illegal reentry after deportation of felons. As a result of this operation, 2 pounds of marijuana, valued at $4,000; 25 pounds of cocaine, valued at $700,000; 18 pounds of methamphetamine, valued at $108,000; 3 vehicles, valued at $35,000; and two firearms, valued at $900, were seized.

West Sacramento Police Department
Analytical Services
The West Sacramento Police Department, in conjunction with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, requested WSIN’s assistance in a long-term undercover buy program targeting the sale of firearms, stolen property, stolen vehicles, and controlled substances. WSIN provided a series of link-analysis diagrams throughout the investigation that showed the connections between various members, the incidents in which they were involved, and purchases made from them. Eight men were arrested and charged with 70 counts by a federal grand jury, including manufacturing and dealing firearms without a license, possession of unregistered weapons and silencers, and the distribution of methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA). In total, agents seized more than 238 firearms, including assault-type rifles and short-barreled rifles, revolvers, pistols, and silencers, many without the required serial numbers.

Testimonials
“The charts looked fantastic! Your charts are very popular in our office; the other investigators are envious. I have told them several times about WSIN.”
—Contra Costa County District Attorney’s Office

“Thank you very much for your agency’s assistance with our task force case regarding a highly dangerous child molester. We appreciate the great work that your analyst did and cannot thank you enough!”
—Sacramento Hi-Tech Crimes Task Force/Internet Crimes Against Children

“I just wanted to thank you again for the target packages. I served a search warrant on the main target two days ago and seized 24 pounds of narcotics, a methamphetamine laboratory, and $238,788 in cash. I really appreciate the help you gave me.”
—Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department

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