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PROJECT RETURN

The Winnipeg Police Service's Counter Exploitation/ Missing Person's Unit, and General Patrol Members from Central 11, West District 12, North District 13 and East District 14, in partnership with Outreach Workers from the Community in Winnipeg (StreetReach, Winnipeg Outreach Network, Resources Assistance for Youth (RAY), MaMaWi, and the Bear Clan Patrol Inc) initiated a Joint Project from Friday, October 5, 2018 to Sunday October 7, with the aim of protecting youth within our city who are at a high risk of being sexually exploited.

- 18 males arrested between ages of 19-74 for Obtaining Sexual Services for Consideration
- 16 Vehicles seized under the Highway Traffic Act for Prostitution offences
- 4 Deter and Indentify Sex-Trade Consumers (D.I.S.C.) Stops were conducted
- 6 reported missing, at risk youths were located. Each were transported to a place of safety (4 of these missing/high risk youths were arrested for outstanding warrants)
- 37 Crime Prevention through Social Development (CPTSD) contacts were made to identify and assist those involved in the Sex Trade
- 64 locations, known to be frequented by high risk missing youths, were checked

Our commitment to issues surrounding our missing youth and those at risk of sexual exploitation in the community will continue.