## 56 arrested in connection with child sex crime case

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The latest <u>arrests</u> in an international investigation into child <u>sex crimes</u> has resulted in the <u>arrest</u> of <u>56</u> foreigners in South Florida, federal authorities said.

The investigation, dubbed "Operation Predator," has resulted in more than 1,000 <u>arrests</u> nationwide since July 9, authorities said.

Compiled from Wire ReportsThe Florida <u>arrests</u> involved people who had been convicted of <u>crimes</u> involving children, and occurred over three days this week in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. These aliens, from 18 countries, will be deported, officials said.

Among those charged in the broader probe are U.S. citizens who traveled abroad to have <u>sex</u> with minors, people who allegedly molested mentally impaired children and people who smuggled foreign children into the United States to work as prostitutes, federal officials say.

Jury convicts ex-educator in money laundering case

MIAMI - A former University of South Carolina president was convicted Friday of charges that he schemed with an undercover officer to get visas under false names and launder drug money.

James Holderman, who already had two convictions on his record, had claimed he was lured into <u>crimes</u> he never intended to commit while desperate for money to treat his mental illness.

The jury found Holderman guilty of conspiracy to launder money, attempted laundry of money, conspiracy to sell false immigration documents and offering to sell false immigration documents. Holderman, 67, of Charleston, S.C., will remain free on \$50,000 bail until sentencing.

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