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Biden Pentagon's Head of Education Arrested for Human Trafficking

In a significant development, Stephen Francis Hovanic, a senior official in the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) Americas division, was apprehended in Coweta County, Georgia, on charges related to human trafficking. The DODEA oversees the elementary education of children in military families. Hovanic, aged 64, faces charges of pandering, as confirmed by the <u>Daily Caller</u>. This arrest is part of a larger sting operation that led to the arrest of 26 individuals, highlighting a concerning trend in such criminal activities.

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Human trafficking, a grave violation of human rights, involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. This sting operation revealed six women victimized by this illicit trade, demonstrating the pervasive and hidden nature of human trafficking in society.



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Among those arrested, 12 were charged with prostitution, 10 with pandering, and four with pimping. Moreover, three individuals are under investigation for human trafficking and drug charges. Sergeant Toby Nix of the Coweta County Sheriff's Office stated that those arrested on pimping charges might face further indictments for human trafficking. The victims have been relocated to a secure facility for necessary assistance and recovery.

This incident under the Biden administration raises questions about the oversight of officials in key positions. Recent statistics indicate a significant increase in human trafficking incidents, underscoring the need for stringent measures and thorough vetting processes for individuals in positions of authority.



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