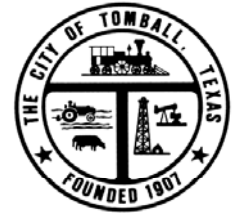


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Undercover Police Sting at City Park

Through information relayed through a concerned citizen regarding improper conduct at Theis Attaway Park, the Tomball Police Department conducted a "Lewd Conduct" operation to progressively police the city's park.

Shortly before the operation took place, a concerned citizen directly contacted Chief of Police Michael Blake, advising him that she and her grandchildren enjoy spending time at the public park. To her disappointment, when she and the children arrived at Theis Attaway Park, they observed several "used" condoms in and around the bird watching shed located on the property. Acting on this information, a covert police investigation of the park revealed that possible sexual acts were being committed during the day by males frequenting the park.

On Wednesday, March 15, the Tomball Police Department initiated a covert operation in which a male undercover police officer posed as a citizen to investigate the activities taking place at Theis Attaway Park.

While at the park, an individual later identified as Michael McWhirter, 57 yoa, of Spring and the Tomball officer engaged in conversation. During the course of the dialogue, the suspect solicited the officer to engage in a sexual act in exchange for money. The suspect was taken into custody for Prostitution, a Class B Misdemeanor, and charges were accepted by the Office of the Harris County District Attorney. Upon completion of the book-in process, Mr. McWhirter posted a \$500 bond and was released from Tomball City Jail.

The City of Tomball will not condone this type of conduct to jeopardize the safety and tranquility of our family-oriented city parks. The Tomball Police Department will continue both covert and marked patrol investigations of our city parks on an ongoing basis to free our citizens and children from being exposed to this type of illicit behavior.

