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SLED AGENTS NAMED “OFFICERS OF THE YEAR”

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) proudly recognizes the outstanding achievements of two Special Agents for their hard work investigating sexual crimes against children across the state.

The Irmo Optimist Club has named Agents Lucinda McKellar and Farand Wasiak as Officers of The Year.

The Agents were given the honor this morning at the Club’s meeting during Respect for Law Week.

The ceremony was held at the Clubs at Rawl Creek in Irmo.

Director Reggie Lloyd says, “These two agents go above and beyond the call of duty. Their tough jobs require them to investigate sexual predators of children. Agents McKellar and Wasiak should be commended for their devotion to combating cyber crimes.”

During their tenure with the South Carolina Computer Crime Center, McKellar and Wasiak have arrested numerous individuals on sexual solicitation and exploitation violations on-line throughout the State.

They are actively involved in the S.C. Attorney General’s Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) and provide training to local law enforcement in the areas of their specialties.

McKellar's Background:

Lucinda McKellar obtained a Baccalaureate of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina (USC) in 1997.

She has previously worked with the Chester County Sheriff's Office where she was the Sergeant of Investigations and a victim's advocate.

In 2003, she accepted a Special Agent position at SLED.

She is currently the Peer-to-Peer Specialist for the SC CCC.

Agent McKellar has previously been named The Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and has received the Attorney General's Child Safety Award.

Wasiak's Background

Farand Wasiak obtained a Baccalaureate of Arts degree in Legal Studies from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo in 1998.

He has previously worked with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office as a Patrolman and later promoted to the level of Investigator.

In 2005, he accepted a Special Agent position with SLED.

He is currently serving as the CyberTip Coordinator for the State.

SC Computer Crime Center History

In July 2001, SLED partnered with the United States Secret Service as well as local, state and other federal agencies to focus efforts on combating cyber crimes including on-line chats, the cyber-crime investigative process, peer-to-peer investigations and identity theft.

As a result, the state-of-the-art, SC Computer Crime Center opened in December 2002 as the nation's first statewide center to investigate such computer crimes.

During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the Center opened 466 cases and examined data contained on 616 various electronic storage devices.