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24 Arrested In NW Indiana Web Sex Sting One Suspect Was A High School Basketball Coach

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(CBS) PORTER COUNTY, Ind. Federal agents arrested two dozen men in an undercover sting operation

CBS 2 Northwest Indiana Bureau Chief Pamela Jones reports one of those arrested is a former high school

Investigators say that suspect made reference to Andrean High School when he was allegedly trying

Matthew Hensley, 24, is a former assistant girls basketball coach and is now one of the 24 people un-
dercover predator sting. Investigators say the suspects were trying to hook up with teenagers in chat rooms.

"They knew that they believed that they were chatting with a 13-year-old juvenile. There is no doubt

Attorney Joseph Van Bokkelen.

Agents say during Hensley's chat, he mentioned being a coach at Andrean High School. The Merrillville resident was arrested in February.

Investigators say Hensley lived in a Valparaiso apartment complex and had arranged to meet his alleged

"Child predators are out there on MySpace.com and chat rooms and they're trying to pick up your child

The Valparaiso resident was one of the faces behind the 13-year-old profile some of the suspects were seen in what he's seen.

"They're not shy about talking about sex. They're not shy about showing them their private parts on

CBS 2 is told these types of sting operations are so prevalent right now, people really don't know what

These suspects will all serve a minimum of 10 years behind bars.

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“They knew that they believed that they were chatting with a 13-year-old juver that,” said Indiana U.S. Attorney Joseph Van Bokkelen.



Matthew Hensley

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