59 arrested in 3-day prostitution sweep in SC town

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GREENVILLE, SC -

The Greenville County Sheriff's Office made 59 arrests during a three-day prostitution sting.

The sting resulted in 49 men and 10 women being arrested on the west side and southern parts of the county between September 10 and 12.

Deputies set up stings at intersections near Augusta Road and I-85, as well as areas near Old Buncombe Road and Kerns Avenue.

People living in those communities say it's a problem that angers them.

"It's awful around here," said Beverly Ramey, who shops at a store in the area. "It's scary to even get out of the cars in this area."

"They walk up and down through the parking lot," said Crystal Wood who works nearby. "They get in from one car to the other."

Wood says she's so angry, and she's now reporting prostitution problems to the police.

"We end up having to call them at least once or twice at least once a week," said Wood.

The Greenville County Sheriff's office says community complaints prompted the county-wide bust.

All 59 people were charged with prostitution.

Other charges were filed against some of those suspects for offenses ranging from driving under suspension to possession of cocaine.