

# Sex sting hits 'johns' in park

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Sex sting hits 'johns' in park San Antonio police have begun a "buyer beware" sting operation for solicitors of sex in the Mahnke Park area.

Undercover policewomen posing as prostitutes flooded the area about 1 p.m. Wednesday and reported six arrests for solicitation of sex during a four-hour period, police said. "What they thought was a date for sex became a date with a night in jail," said Lt. Jerry Pittman, commander of the police department's vice unit. Pittman said resident complaints about rampant prostitution in the Mahnke Park area prompted the department to take action against sex buyers, known on the street as johns. "In spite of the number of prostitutes we've arrested in that area, prostitution still persists," Pittman said. "Going after the john will serve as a deterrent. Hopefully, the arrest and fine will embarrass him and further discourage him from soliciting sex," Pittman said. Mahnke Park is located just north of downtown and is bounded by Broadway, Funston Place and Parland Street. Six men were charged with solicitation of prostitution. Bonds were set at \$400. They were identified as Roger Adrian Sandoval, 34, of the 1000 block of Jackson-Keller Road; Jaime Muraira Rodriguez, 25, of the 200 block of St. Francis St.; Arthur Steven Brant, 49, of the 14000 block of Kramme Circle; William Turner Broom, 39, of the 800 block of East Grayson Street; Lotfollah Izadi, 51, of Houston; and Norman Andrew Gendron, 34, no address given. san antonio police department crime-solicitation of prostitution

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