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SAN JACINTO MAN SENTENCED TO 11 YEARS IN PRISON IN PIMPING CASE

BANNING – On the day he was scheduled to begin his trial, a San Jacinto man pled guilty in a pimping case and was sentenced to 11 years in state prison.

On Feb. 2, 2017, Kyle Jason Hargrave, DOB: 10-26-81, pled guilty to two counts of pimping and one count of making criminal threats and also admitted having a prison prior stemming from a conviction for robbery. Several other counts were dismissed as part of the plea agreement with the Riverside County District Attorney's Office. The plea happened at the Banning Justice Center before Judge W. Charles Morgan.

In January 2016, the female victim was approached by Hargrave as she was walking near a park. Hargrave reportedly told the victim he was starting an escort service that he wanted her to help run for him. The victim agreed to do so because she was homeless at the time. After only two days of living with Hargrave, the victim was forced to take part in a sex act with a stranger at Hargrave's direction. During the time period the victim was with Hargrave, he threatened her several times including while he possessed a firearm.

In late January 2016, there was an incident that led to police being called. Once allegations of sex trafficking were made known by the victim, the case was transferred to the Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force (RCAHT) for further investigation. During the task force's investigation, a second sex trafficking victim was identified. The investigation showed that Hargrave had posted online advertisements and forced the victim to turn over nearly all of the trafficking proceeds to him.

On Feb. 9, 2016, RCAHT Task Force members caught up with Hargrave during an operation in Moreno Valley and he was arrested.

The case, BAF1600142, was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Edward Jensen of the DA's Human Trafficking Team.

The Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force was formed in 2010 to address crimes involving the exploitation of victims via force, fraud, or coercion. These cases often involve the commercial sex trafficking of children, as well as incidents of forced labor, indentured servitude, debt bondage, or slavery. The RCAHT Task Force is a multidisciplinary task force which combines the investigative resources of both local and federal law enforcement. The RCAHT Task Force also provides victim services and education/outreach through partnerships with the non-profit groups Operation SafeHouse and Million Kids. The law enforcement component of RCAHT is currently composed of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Riverside County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigations, Homeland Security Investigations, the State Department's Diplomatic Security Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, along with part-time participation of the Hemet Police Department and Riverside Police Department.

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