



PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF CRIME: Human Trafficking

LOCATION: First Street and Santa Clara Street San Jose, CA

CASE NUMBER: 17-059-0171T

DATE: 02/28/17

TIME: 11:45AM

DETAILS:

On March 13, 2017 the Santa Clara County Law Enforcement to Investigate Human Trafficking (LEIHT) Task Force arrested Tyairra Beasley and Quanzell Butcher on charges of Human Trafficking of a Minor and Pimping of a Minor. Additionally, Butcher was in possession of a loaded 9mm handgun when apprehended and was also charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Probation Violation.

On February 28, 2017, this investigation commenced by means of a vehicle enforcement stop by Sheriff's Office Transit Deputies working in downtown San Jose. These deputies are tasked to detect various criminal activities on VTA light rail platforms and nearby areas. During the interaction with the occupants in the vehicle, deputies made the astute observation that a juvenile occupant may be a victim of human trafficking. LEIHT task force was notified and assumed control of the investigation.

The female victim, age 17, was reported missing in late 2016 to the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. According to the victim, she met the suspects in February of 2017. Upon gaining her trust, the victim believed the suspects would help return to her family in Southern California. Through manipulation and fear, the suspects exploited her naiveté forcing her to engage in sex acts for their financial benefit.

LEIHT investigators through victim and witness interviews were able to identify and determine that Beasley and Butcher were sexual exploiters of the minor victim. Beasley is currently out of custody. She is 19 years old and resides in San Jose. Butcher is currently being held at the Santa Clara County Main Jail. Both Beasley and Butcher are scheduled to appear in Superior Court on March 30, 2017.

The Santa Clara County LEIHT Task Force is responsible for the recovery and reintegration of victims of human trafficking, and prosecution of suspected pimps and abusers. The LEIHT task force consists of investigators from the Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office and a prosecuting Deputy District

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Attorney. Understanding the trauma one can experience as a victim of Human Trafficking, LEIHT maintains a working partnership with both Community Solutions and the YWCA in providing victim counseling, assistance, and resources.

Anyone with information or tips regarding Human Trafficking cases are urged to contact the Human Trafficking Task Force at 408-918-4960 or humantrafficking@sheriff.sccgov.org. YWCA Rape Hotline 408-287-3000 and Community Solutions 877-363-7283



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