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Law Enforcement to Investigate Human
Trafficking (LEIHT) Task Force

CASE: 17-352-0374I

On December 18, 2017, the LEIHT Task Force conducted a covert sting operation to combat human trafficking in conjunction with Milpitas Police, Santa Clara County Probation and State Parole.

During the course of the undercover operation, LEIHT investigators arrested three suspects for conspiracy and attempted robbery. The suspects were identified as Ahmad Altamimi, Gilbert Gaeta, and Nehemiah Jimenez.

Investigators believe these individuals may be responsible for previous armed robberies of local sex-workers. LEIHT is asking victims or witnesses to come forward with information regarding these individuals by contacting the human trafficking task force at 408-918-4960 or humantrafficking@shf.sccgov.org. Persons coming forward will be treated as victims.

On Monday evening, suspects Ahmad Altamimi, Gilbert Gaeta, and Nehemiah Jimenez solicited an undercover officer for sex in exchange for money. Two of the suspects arrived at the arranged meeting with the undercover officer armed with weapons including a stun-gun. The third suspect remained in the suspect vehicle as part of the robbery plot.

The planned armed robbery was quickly foiled by the team of LEIHT investigators who immediately took the suspects into custody without incident. All three suspects were booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail. Suspect Ahmad Altamimi, 22, is currently out on bail while Gilbert Gaeta and Nehemiah Jimenez remain in custody.

In addition to these arrests, 19 male "johns" were also arrested for solicitation of prostitution in the demand-reduction focused operation.

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

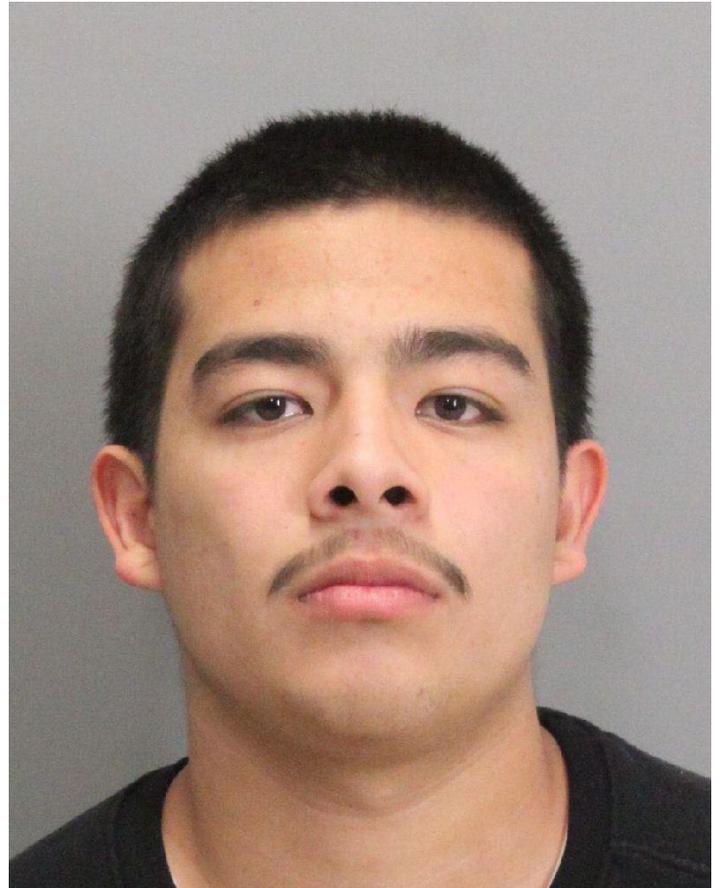
Understanding the trauma one can experience as a victim of Human Trafficking, LEIHT maintains a working partnership with both Community Solutions and the YWCA in providing victim counseling, assistance, and resources. Anyone with information or tips regarding Human Trafficking cases are urged to contact the Human Trafficking Task Force at 408-918-4960 or humantrafficking@shf.sccgov.org. YWCA Rape Hotline 408-287-3000 and Community Solutions 877-363-7283.

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