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A CONVICTED FELON WAS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH HUMAN TRAFFICKING AFTER INVESTIGATORS LOCATED & RECOVERED A MINOR

ANAHEIM, Calif. (November 26, 2024) – A 31-year-old Los Angeles County man has been arrested by Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force (OCHTTF) Investigators and charged by the Orange County District Attorney's Office for human trafficking after OCHTTF Investigators recover a 17-year-old girl.

On November 21, 2024, OCHTTF Investigators received information about a 17-year-old girl who was being exploited for purposes of commercialized sex. OCHTTF Investigators, with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), immediately launched an investigation in order to locate the girl and identify the person(s) involved in trafficking her. Less than four (4) hours after receiving the tip, OCHTTF Investigators located and recovered the victim. OCHTTF Investigators identified 31-year-old Taishaman Adams Arrant as the subject responsible for trafficking the victim, and located him near where they recovered the victim.

Adams Arrant was arrested for several offenses, including human trafficking of a minor, and was booked into Anaheim Police Department's Detention Facility.

On November 25, 2024, the Orange County District Attorney's Office charged Adams Arrant with PC 236.1(c) – Human Trafficking of a Minor. Adams Arrant remains in custody and is being held in lieu of \$350,000.

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This investigation illustrates the commitment of the OCHTTF and partnering agencies in locating and identifying victims of pimping or human trafficking. The Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force is co-chaired by the Anaheim Police Department and Waymakers. The lead agencies for the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force also include the California Highway Patrol, Garden Grove Police Department, Irvine Police Department, Santa Ana Police Department, Orange County District Attorney's Office, Orange County Probation Department, Orange County Social Services Agency, The Salvation Army, U.S. Attorney's Office, and U.S. Department of Homeland Security. For more information about the OCHTTF, visit <https://www.ochumantrafficking.com>.

A critical component of the OCHTTF is the OCDA's Human Exploitation And Trafficking (HEAT) Unit, which targets perpetrators who sexually exploit and traffic women and underage girls for financial gain, including pimps, panderers, and human traffickers. The HEAT Unit uses a tactical plan called PERP: **P**rosecution, to bring justice for victims of human trafficking and hold perpetrators responsible using Prop 35; **E**ducation, to provide law enforcement training to properly handle human trafficking and pandering cases; **R**esources from public-private partnerships to raise public awareness about human trafficking and provide assistance to the victims; and **P**ublicity, to inform the public and send a message to human traffickers that this crime cannot be perpetrated without suffering severe consequences.

Under the law, human trafficking is described as depriving or violating the personal liberty of another person with the intent to affect a violation of pimping or pandering. Pimping is described as knowingly deriving financial support in whole or in part from the proceeds of prostitution. Pandering is the act of persuading or procuring an individual to become a prostitute or procuring and/or arranging for a person to work in a house of prostitution.

If you, or anyone you know has been a victim of human trafficking, you can contact the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at (888) 373-7888 or contact your local law enforcement department.



Taishaman Adams Arrant

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