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### Sex Trafficking Enforcement Operation Yields Arrests in Beaverton

Beaverton, Oregon – On April 30, 2024, members of the Beaverton Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division conducted a targeted enforcement operation aimed at combatting sex trafficking within the Beaverton area. The operation was part of ongoing efforts to identify and address individuals involved in sex trafficking and related activities.

During the operation, four adult women were identified and contacted by Beaverton Police Detectives after they agreed to engage in sex acts in exchange for monetary compensation. Rather than arresting these individuals, they were provided with resources and support aimed at assisting them in exiting the cycle of trafficking and exploitation.

Additionally, two individuals were arrested, in separate incidents, during the operation for promoting prostitution. These individuals are identified as 33-year-old Keith Kelly of Portland, Oregon and 21-year-old Julius Lavant Mitchell of Auburn, Washington. During the arrest of Julius Mitchell, he was in possession of a handgun. During a subsequent search of the vehicle operated by Julius Mitchell, detectives seized and additional handgun, which was listed as stolen, 8.5 grams of cocaine, and \$1,800 in cash.

On May 8, 2024 a Washington County Grand Jury indicted Julius Mitchell of Promoting Prostitution. Julius Mitchell was also indicted on charges of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Delivery of Cocaine and two counts of Tampering with a Witness. Keith Kelly was cited and release from custody on April 30. He is set to appear in court in late May 2024.

The Beaverton Police Department remains steadfast in our commitment to combatting sex trafficking and supporting survivors. We encourage anyone with information related to sex trafficking or suspicious activity to contact the Beaverton Police Department or the National Human Trafficking Hotline.

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