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Update: Human Trafficking Suspect Pled Guilty

On February 9th, 2018 Beaverton Police detectives started an investigation regarding the sex trafficking of an underage female. The advertisements for prostitution with the underage female were posted on the website www.backpage.com. On February 14th detectives arrested 28-year-old Mario Deshawn Hoggatt after he delivered the 17-year-old victim to a residence where she was to engage in prostitution. Evidence showed the victim would pay Mr. Hoggatt after each prostitution date and Mr. Hoggatt placed the prostitution ads on Backpage using his cell phone.

On the day trial was set to start, November 6, 2018, Mr. Hoggatt entered a guilty plea in Washington County Circuit Court to one count of Compelling Prostitution which is a Class B felony. Mr. Hoggatt was sentenced to 70 months in prison and he may not be considered for any form of reduction in sentence. After his prison sentence, he will be on Post-Prison supervision for 3 years. Mr. Hoggatt will also be required to register as a sex offender per Oregon Revised Statutes.

Human sex trafficking is a form of slavery and involuntary servitude. Sex trafficking involved individuals profiting from the sexual exploitation of others and has severe physical and psychological consequences for its victims.

Sex trafficking comes in many forms, including forcing victims into prostitution, subjecting victims to slavery or involuntary servitude and compelling victims to commit sex acts for the purpose of creating pornography. The average age that teens become victims of sex trafficking is between 12 and 14. Statistically, over 70% of victims are female and over half of them are children. Many victims are runaways or previous victims of physical or sexual abuse. However, any person, male or female, adult or child, regardless of their background, can potentially become a victim. <https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/human-trafficking-prevention>



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