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**CALVIN DAE'JUAN SMITH GUILTY IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASE**

HILLSBORO, Ore- On December 20, 2024, a Washington County jury found Calvin Dae'juan Smith, age 32, guilty of two counts of promoting prostitution. Deputy District Attorney Christina Luedtke prosecuted this case before Judge Erik Buchér.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office joined partner agencies to conduct an undercover operation to target those facilitating human trafficking online. A detective posing as an interested party connected with a woman who agreed to meet him at a hotel in Beaverton. They exchanged several messages in which the detective agreed to pay her for sex.

When the woman arrived at the hotel, officers detained her. She admitted she was there for sexual activity in exchange for money. A search of the woman's phone revealed several messages between her and Mr. Smith. They identified a clear pattern of the defendant arranging and transporting the woman to meetings in exchange for cash.

Unfortunately, human trafficking is occurring in Washington County. In 2018, our office helped launch the Washington County Human Trafficking Task Force to more effectively investigate and prosecute these cases. Our prosecutors work closely with law enforcement partners to hold offenders accountable and to support victims.

January is also National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Month. We encourage community members to monitor our website and social media channels for more information throughout January. Additionally, if you suspect someone is being trafficked, call 9-1-1, your local law enforcement agency, or report it to the Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888.

The Washington County District Attorney's Office wishes to acknowledge the work of the Washington County Sheriff's Office, the Beaverton Police Department, and the Tigard Police Department for their work on this case. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for January 6, 2025.