



KITSAP COUNTY Prosecutor's Office

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 15, 2014
<http://www.kitsapgov.com/pros/>

Prosecuting Attorney Russell D. Hauge
Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office
(360) 337-5728

50 YEAR PRISON SENTENCE IN KITSAP COUNTY'S FIRST HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRIAL

Used Violence and Coercion to Recruit and Force 23 year old to Work as a Prostitute

In Kitsap County's first ever Human Trafficking trial, a Bremerton man was sentenced yesterday in the Kitsap County Superior Court in Port Orchard to 601 months in prison for eleven counts related to sex trafficking. ANTHONY D. PARKER, 33, was found guilty on November 26, 2013 of all 11 counts: Human Trafficking in the First Degree, Promoting Prostitution in the First Degree, Burglary in the First Degree, Kidnapping in the First Degree, four counts of Assault in the Second Degree, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the First Degree, Witness Tampering and Assault Fourth Degree. The jury also found eighteen aggravating factors accompanied his crimes, allowing the judge to go beyond the standard range sentence set by the legislature. The jury deliberated for approximately four hours following a more than 2 week trial.

At sentencing Judge Sally F. Olsen cited the heinous conduct of PARKER's manipulation and torture of the victim, his extensive criminal history, her respect for the jury's finding that the defendant's actions were aggravated by his deliberate cruelty to the victim. PARKER will also be required to be registered as a sex offender upon release from prison.

After sentence was imposed, Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney said: "This sentence is long but it is fair given the harm done by Mr. Parker to the victim and our community. Parker has earned his time in prison, and Kitsap County is a better place because he is locked up. The Bremerton Police Department, in particular Det. Sergeant Randy Plumb and the Special Operations Group, earned this result with weeks of hard, dangerous work. The credit belongs to them and the deputy prosecutors who tried the case, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Coreen Schnepf and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Farshad Talebi."

According to records filed in the case, PARKER used a female co-conspirator to recruit the 23 year old victim from the Kitsap County Jail. After PARKER bailed her out, he began advertising her as a prostitute on internet sites like Backpage.com within weeks of her release. Eventually the victim was forced to prostitute seven days a week and up to ten times a day during a five month period he used manipulation, isolation and violence to sexually exploit her for his own profit.

The Bremerton Police Department's Special Operations Group (SOG) used a victim-centered approach to gain the trust of the victim, encourage her to leave PARKER, and cooperate with the State. Lead investigator Detective Heffernan, as well as Sergeant Randy Plumb and Detective Rodney Rauback, became aware of the situation while investigating one of PARKER's fellow gang-members accused of Leading Organized Crime. Detectives listened to hours of jail phone calls between PARKER, his female co-conspirator, and the victim, which outlined the recruitment and exploitation of the victim. During these calls PARKER bragged about being a pimp and the violence he used during the kidnapping to prevent her from escaping stating, "She can't go no where...she won't do it again, unless she want her other eye shut up." He also continually referred to the victim his "asset."

At sentencing Prosecutors distinguished the Human Trafficking statute from that of Promoting Prostitution. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Farshad M. Talebi emphasized the unique nature of Human Trafficking, created to punish an entire course of conduct used by pimps to sexually exploit vulnerable women; from the recruiting and grooming phase, to "selling them the dream" in order to turn them out for profit, and finally resorting to extreme violence, isolation, and manipulation to prevent them from leaving.

The case was being prosecuted by Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Coreen E. Schnepf and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Farshad M. Talebi.