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Prostitution Sting Yields Eleven Arrests

Multi-agency effort was in response to complaints from community

On Thursday, May 31, 2018 the Pleasanton Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit conducted an undercover prostitution sting operation at a local hotel. The operation was carried out in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies including the Livermore Police Department and the Hayward Police Department.

Undercover officers used a fictitious profile to create an online advertisement designed to attract commercial sex purchasers seeking prostitution services. During the eight-hour operation, over 40 phone numbers contacted undercover officers in response to the advertisement. Ten men agreed to pay money for a sexual act and traveled to the hotel where undercover officers were waiting.

One male suspect arrived believing the undercover officer was a 15-year-old girl. Another man arrived in an attempt to act as the undercover officer's "pimp." He made an agreement to offer protection and other services in exchange for a portion of the proceeds. These two men were arrested on additional felony charges.

All eleven males, only one of whom resided in Pleasanton, were arrested for various crimes including solicitation of prostitution, resisting arrest, pandering and meeting with a minor with the intention of engaging in lewd or lascivious behavior. All were booked at Santa Rita Jail.

Prostitution often involves human trafficking, drug use and violent crimes such as robbery and assault. The Pleasanton Police Department is committed to proactively addressing prostitution activity in our community. Anyone with information regarding suspected prostitution activity is encouraged to call the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100.





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