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Prostitution Sting Yields Eight Arrests

Multi-agency effort was in response to complaints from community

On Monday, May 20th, 2019 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 fictitious online profile advertisements designed to attract commercial sex purchasers seeking prostitution services. During the seven-hour operation, over 50 phone numbers contacted undercover officers in response to the online advertisements. Seven men agreed to pay money for a sexual act and traveled to the hotel where undercover officers were waiting. Another male who identified himself as a "pimp" contacted an undercover officer and attempted to recruit the officer. He made an agreement to offer protection and other services in exchange for a portion of the proceeds. This individual was arrested for felony charges.

All eight individuals, only one of whom resides in Pleasanton, were arrested for various crimes including solicitation of prostitution, resisting arrest, and pandering. All the individuals arrested in this prostitution sting 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.