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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: August 28, 2020
Re: Gabriel Nicholas Gomez
Human Trafficker Sentenced

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Gabriel Nicholas Gomez, age 23, of Stockton, on August 7, 2020 pleaded guilty to the charge of human trafficking of a minor for a commercial sex act. Gomez was sentenced to 365 days in jail and a five-year term of felony probation. Deputy District Attorney Larissa Jones prosecuted the case for the People.

In December of 2016, Gomez trafficked Jane Doe, a 16-year-old girl, for prostitution. Gomez posted advertisements for commercial sex acts on the internet and transported Jane Doe to motels in Modesto to perform the sex acts. After being made to engage in prostitution for approximately eight days, Jane Doe was able to call her mother for help, who in turn phoned 911. Modesto Police responded and located Jane Doe.

Gomez's sentence was not the result of a plea bargain. Instead, he entered a plea to the count as charged and Judge Ricardo Cordova, after hearing argument from both sides, determined the sentence. The prosecutor asked that Gomez be sentenced to five years in state prison, while the defense asked for probation. Gomez will have to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.

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