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PRESS RELEASE

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**CHILD**  
**SEX TRAFFICKING**  
**CONVICTION**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department Special Victims Unit, in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation Minor Vice Task Force, conducted a child sex trafficking investigation that led them to the identification of Deangelo Jones, B/M, 7/11/92, a resident of the City of Lauderdale.

Jones was prostituting female juveniles, mostly runaways, at various hotels within the City of Fort Lauderdale. Detectives learned that Jones would take lewd photographs of the female juveniles and place them on the internet, along with an advertisement for prostitution. Jones also employed adult males to assist with the transportation of these young females to their dates.

Detectives coordinated with Special Agents to obtain a federal arrest warrant for Jones.

Jones was arrested on June 28, 2012 in the City of Fort Lauderdale for charges related to this investigation and five unrelated active state warrants.

When Jones was taken into custody he was in the company of a fourteen year old female, who was later identified as one of his prostitutes. The female, previously reported as a runaway, was safely returned to the shelter where she resides.

On December 6, 2012, Jones was convicted in the United States District Court on one count of conspiracy to commit child sex trafficking and two counts of child sex trafficking.

Detectives are urging anyone who may have had contact with Jones to contact Detective Brice Brittenum at 954-828-5898 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.

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