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**ARREST MADE
BY FLPD
HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNIT**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department created a new unit in response to the increase in human trafficking activity within our community. This type of criminal activity can involve either the illegal movement of immigrants across borders and / or forcing individuals, including youth, to partake in sex trafficking activity.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department Human Trafficking Unit acknowledges the personal and psychological toll that crimes of this nature take on our society and is committed to improving the quality of life for all who are affected by this form of organized crime.

One of the recent cases investigated by our Human Trafficking Unit rendered an arrest on the morning of Tuesday, February 11th.

Detectives launched an investigation after discovering a suspicious listing posted on www.backpage.com. The listing advertised an available room at the suspect's residence to be rented for prostitution activity.

Detectives made contact with the suspect who posted this listing and conducted several undercover operations. Over the course of the month of January 2014, the suspect rented a room to undercover detectives, some posing as young sixteen-year-old prostitutes and others as customers, for the sole purpose of sex trafficking activity.

The suspect made arrangements with undercover detectives to be paid for the rental of the room and a portion of the proceeds from the illegal sexual activity. On several incidents the suspect collected what was understood as his "cut" from these transactions. The suspect knowingly and intentionally profited from what he believed to be the sexual exploitation of minors.

The suspect has been identified as Garret Frazier, B/M, 11/18/80, a City of Oakland Park resident.

On February 11th at approximately 10:00 A.M., detectives from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Human Trafficking Unit, along with the Broward Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Team, executed a search warrant at Frazier's residence. That residence is located at 1921 Northeast 43rd Court in the City of Oakland Park.

As a result of that warrant, detectives seized the suspect's residence, a Nissan Murano, a Nissan Altima, approximately \$12,000 of US currency, approximately four (4) pounds of marijuana and approximately sixteen (16) grams of cocaine.

This is an active and on-going investigation.

Anyone with information about this or similar incidents is strongly encouraged to contact the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Human Trafficking Unit at 954-828-5661.

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