



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION SHEET

Subject: Arrest of suspect related to sex trafficking of a minor.

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SYNOPSIS:

On the morning of August 14, 2019, Deputies and Detectives from the Alpine Sheriff's Station, Juvenile Services and the San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force were involved in an investigation of a 15 year-old runaway female suspected of being sex trafficked by an adult male.

As a result of the investigation, the juvenile was returned home early this morning. Human Trafficking Detectives were able to obtain information that 23 year-old Joseph Price was allegedly responsible for sex trafficking the girl.

At about 9:45 AM today, Price was ultimately located and arrested in the 9800 Block of Pacific Heights Boulevard in San Diego. At this time, Price has been arrested for a parole violation only; however additional charges are pending.

The San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force is led by the California Department of Justice. The Task Force is comprised of investigators from the following agencies: San Diego Police Department, San Diego Sheriff's Department, San Diego County District Attorney's Office, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation – Parole, California Highway Patrol, San Diego County Probation Department, National City Police Department, Escondido Police Department, FBI, and other associate law enforcement agencies.

Call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 with information and you will remain anonymous. You can also download the P3 anonymous tip app. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest.

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