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(Nashville, TN) -In the first of its kind case in Nashville, the Davidson County District Attorney's Office has successfully prosecuted a customer of sex trafficking under Tennessee's enhanced human sex trafficking laws. A Davidson County jury found Michael Kohlmeyer, 33, of Trenton, Tennessee guilty of Trafficking for a Commercial Sex Act on October 29, 2014. Kohlmeyer was convicted of offering to pay \$5,000 for sex with a 12-year-old girl.

"Human sex trafficking is no longer a crime that occurs in another city. The problem is more prominent in Nashville than previously thought, therefore, our office will vigorously prosecute those involved in any aspect of this destructive crime," District Attorney Glenn Funk said.

Assistant District Attorney Antoinette Welch, who heads the DA's Hannah Project, said investigations typically focus on the sellers of sex trafficking but the attention in this case turned to the customer.

"If not for the buyers, no one would be selling these girls. We want to send the message that we will not tolerate the buying and selling of children," Welch said.

Trafficking for a Commercial Sex Act is a Class A felony and carries a penalty of 15-60 years in prison. Kohlmeyer will be sentenced on December 10, 2014.



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