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**Human Trafficking Task Force Dismantles Internet-Based
Criminal Commercial Sex Enterprise**

A year-long investigation by the San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force into the business operations of an internet-based illicit commercial sex enterprise has culminated in the arrests of two suspects and the dismantling of a criminal organization that enabled persons engaged in prostitution acts and their customers to negotiate the exchange of sex for money at the click of a button and under the cloak of a fee-based, members only website.

San Diego Adult Service Provider, owned and operated by Dale Vinzant, 68 years old and a resident of San Diego, was an internet based meeting place where persons engaged in the illicit sex trade and their customers could link up, negotiate a sex transaction, and, once the act took place, allowed the sex purchasers to write and post a review.

This web based meeting place enabled Christian Koalani, the owner of American Escort Company, to post, advertise, and ultimately profit from the sex acts provided by the young women he recruited and directed. Koalani, 66 years old and a resident of San Diego, is the author of “Story of An American Escort,” a book that chronicles his experiences in the illicit sex trade.

Both Vinzant and Koalani, acting independently but known to each other, lured vulnerable women into engaging in acts of prostitution with offers of drugs and money in exchange for their offering themselves to clients as part of a large scale sex for money enterprise.

In collaboration with the California State Department of Justice, the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department, Homeland Security Investigations and the FBI, the San Diego Police Department secured arrest and search warrants through the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office; warrants that were executed in the last several days.

The service of these warrants resulted in the arrests of Christian Koalani and Dale Vinzant and the recovery of evidence including computers, other electronic media and the securing of other assets tied to the business.

Christian Koalani was arrested on Thursday, June 2, at his Pacific Beach residence. He was booked into jail for pimping, pandering and conspiracy charges. His bail was set at \$500,000.00. The District Attorney has filed the above charges and Koalani's next court dates are a readiness conference on June 14 (today) and a preliminary hearing on June 16.

Dale Vinzant, was arrested on Friday, June 3, in the Mission Bay area. He was booked into jail for pimping, pandering, solicitation of prostitution, and money laundering charges. His bail was set at \$150,000.00. The District Attorney has filed the above charges and Vinzant's next court dates are a readiness conference on July 22 and a preliminary hearing on August 11.

The San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force (HTTF) was formed in January 2015. The mission of the HTTF is to disrupt and dismantle human trafficking and child exploitation organizations through a comprehensive, collaborative and regional law enforcement and prosecution response.

The HTTF is a cooperative effort involving the California Department of Justice/Attorney General's Office (DOJ), California Highway Patrol (CHP), Escondido Police Department (EPD), San Diego City Attorney's Office (SDCAO), San Diego County District Attorney's Office (SDCDAO), San Diego Sheriff's Department (SDSD), San Diego Police Department (SDPD), the U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO), and other supporting agencies to include the Chula Vista Police Department (CVPD), Coronado Police Department (CPD), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)/Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), ICE/Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), La Mesa Police Department (LMPD), Oceanside Police Department (OPD), San Diego County Probation Department (SDCPD), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and U.S. Marshals Service (USMS).

Victims of human trafficking can be anyone, including men, women, children, adults, foreign nationals, or U.S. citizens. Victims are protected under the law. Please get help for yourself or a suspected victim from the National Human Trafficking Resource Center toll free, 24/7 Hotline: 888-373-7888 or TEXT BeFree or 233733.

If you or someone else is in immediate danger, CALL 9-1-1

To learn more: www.FightHumanTraffickingSD.org

The San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force is also asking for the public's help with encouraging anyone who they believe was exploited or victimized by Christian Koalani and the American Escort Company or Dale Vinzant and the San Diego Adult Service Provider website, or through any other means, to contact the Human Trafficking Task Force at 858-495-3611.

Captain Brian Ahearn from Investigations will be out front of Headquarters today at 12:30pm to discuss this investigation and these arrests.

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