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Man Sentenced to 24 Years in Facebook Human Trafficking Case

Jorge Reyes was sentenced to 24 years in prison Thursday for human trafficking of minors and soliciting child prostitutes by using Facebook to contact and solicit females for sex.

“This was an important case for our human trafficking unit, which was involved from the inception of this case in the investigation, arrest and prosecution of this defendant,” said District Attorney Dave Young. “He used Facebook to contact and manipulate these young girls, offering them employment as a ruse to satisfy his own needs.”

Reyes (DOB 6/18/90), of Brighton, had access to a female acquaintance’s Facebook profile and used it to contact more than 400 females while posing as the female. The ruse involved asking potential victims if they wanted to make money cleaning houses. The targets of his scheme ranged in age from 15 to 21. Once they responded, Reyes, still posing as the female, would ask if they would clean the house wearing little or no clothing and told them that they would be paid more if they were willing to engage in sex acts.

Reyes’ scheme continued from August 2016 to April 2017. Most of the contact was online solicitation only, although he met with three victims, ages 16 and 17, in early 2017 and had sexual contact with them in his car with promises to pay them several hundred dollars. He never paid the women.

He was arrested by Brighton police in April 2017. The case was investigated by the Brighton Police Department and the FBI innocence Lost Task Force. Facebook provided thousands of pages of Facebook records for the investigation of this case.

“Combating the exploitation and victimization of children is one of the FBI’s top priorities,” said FBI Denver Special Agent in Charge Calvin Shivers. “With the sentencing of Jorge Reyes, the FBI, working in conjunction with state and local authorities, has removed another child predator from our community and curtailed the abusive actions of an individual actively preying on children. This case should serve as a deterrent to those who utilize the Internet to promote the victimization of children.”

Reyes pleaded guilty to one count of human trafficking of minors involving three victims and one count of soliciting child prostitute involving nine victims.

Adams County District Judge Tomee Crespino sentenced Reyes to 24 years in prison plus 10 years of sex offender intensive supervision probation once he is released. He also must register as a sex offender.

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