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**SECOND DEFENDANT IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASE SENT TO STATE PRISON**

**PLYMOUTH** – A Chelsea man has been sentenced to State Prison after being convicted for human trafficking and other charges, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

After a seven-day trial, a jury deliberated four hours before returning today and finding Keith Grace (DOB: 12/2/91) of Chelsea, guilty of one count each of Human Trafficking, Rape, Assault and Battery, Kidnapping, and Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor. Plymouth Superior Court Judge Mark A. Hallal sentenced Grace to serve no less than 10 years and no more than 14 years in State Prison, to be followed by two years in the House of Corrections, to run concurrently. Upon his release, Grace will remain on probation for three years with the conditions that he stay away and have no contact with the victim, he wear a GPS monitoring bracelet, he remain drug and alcohol free, he register as a sex offender and earn his GED.

In January, 2017, a 16-year-old female victim from Fitchburg came forward to report to Brockton Police an incident which occurred over January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in January, 2017. The victim reported to police she traveled from Fitchburg to Brockton to attend a party. Once in Brockton, Dorian Sylvestre (DOB: 11/18/95) and Grace forced the female victim perform sexual acts on others for money. The victim told police she refused on several occasions and attempted to leave but was held against her will.

As part of the investigation, Brockton detectives found that Grace helped arrange to pick up the victim in Fitchburg and bring her to Brockton.

In April, 2018, co-defendant Dorian Sylvestre (DOB: 11/18/95) was found guilty after a jury waived trial of Trafficking of a Person into Sexual Servitude. She was sentenced to serve five years to five years and one day in State Prison.

Chinier Bennett (DOB: 9/10/97) of Boston, who hosted the party and allegedly raped the victim, is scheduled for trial later this year.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Amanda Fowle and was investigated by Brockton Police.

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