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PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date:8/12/16Contact:Terasina White • twhite@co.weld.co.us • 970.356.4010 ext. 4729Re:Jury Convicts Greeley Man in Human Trafficking Case

GREELEY, CO- On August 11, 2016, after a 13 day trial, a jury convicted Paul Burman (d.o.b. 6/7/83) on 32 counts including Human Trafficking for Sexual Servitude, a class 3 felony; Pandering of a Child-Inducing Prostitution, a class 2 felony; two counts of Inducement of Child Prostitution, a class 3 felony; three counts of Pandering of a Child-Arranging Prostitution, a class 3 felony; two counts of Patronizing a Child, a class 3 felony; three counts of Pimping, a class 3 felony; two counts of Pimping of a Child, a class 3 felony; two counts of Procurement of a Child, a class 3 felony; two counts of Pinping of a Child, a class 3 felony; two counts of Procurement of a Child, a class 3 felony; Sexual Exploitation of a Child-Explicit Sexual Conduct for Sexually Exploitative Material, a class 3 felony; three counts of Soliciting for Child Prostitution-Arranging Prostitution, a class 3 felony; Bribing a Witness or Victim, a class 4 felony; three counts of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, a class 4 felony; Criminal Attempt to Commit Human Trafficking for Sexual Servitude, a class 4 felony; Criminal Attempt to Commit Pinping, a class 5 felony; Criminal Attempt to Commit Pinping. Sexual Assault, a class 5 felony; Criminal Attempt to Commit Postitution, a class 5 felony; Criminal Attempt to Commit Postitution, a class 5 felony; Criminal Attempt to Commit Postitution, a class 5 felony; Criminal Attempt to Commit Postitution, a class 5 felony; Criminal Attempt to Commit Pandering-Inducing Prostitution, a class 5 felony; Criminal Attempt to Commit Pandering-Inducing Prostitution, a class 6 felony; Sexual Exploitation of a Child-Possession or Control, a class 6 felony and Sexual Assault, a class 1 misdemeanor.

According to the Affidavit for Arrest Warrant and the facts presented to the jury during the course of the trial, between October 2012 and April of 2014, the Defendant, whose moniker was "Haylo," induced several victims, both adults and teenagers under 18 years of age, to engage in acts of prostitution with numerous men. The Defendant would provide them with alcohol or drugs, give them small amounts of money, and then arrange for the victims to engage in sexual acts with men on numerous occasions. The Defendant, according to the evidence, would also use threats and acts of violence to force these victims to engage in these acts, and on one occasion forcibly sexually assaulted one of the victims. All of the money that the victims were paid for these acts was turned over to the Defendant.

Following the jury's verdict, Weld County District Attorney Michael Rourke said "I want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Greeley Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Innocence Lost Task Force, and the Colorado State Patrol for their effort and dedication in investigating these crimes. This prosecution shows that human trafficking is not simply a big city problem, but unfortunately is a plague which is permeating all of our communities. Jury verdicts such as this one should send a very clear message that this abhorrent conduct will not be tolerated."

Greeley Police Chief Jerry Garner stated, "sex trafficking and the sexual abuse of children continue to be huge problems in Northern Colorado, and the nation. We will continue to invest every resource we can to combat both. I am very proud of what our investigators and prosecutors were able to accomplish with this particularly evil offender."

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Burman will be sentenced on October 7, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. in Division 12 of the Weld County Court. He faces a potential sentence of up to the rest of his natural life in the Department of Corrections. Deputy District Attorneys Arynn Clark and Tamara Love prosecuted the case.

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