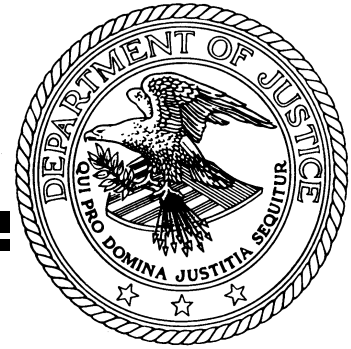


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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - May 3, 2012

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that Jonathan Jamar Sanders was sentenced today by United States District Court Judge Dana M. Sabraw to serve 236 months in federal prison, followed by seven years of supervised release, and ordered mandatory registration under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act. Sanders pled guilty less than a week before the scheduled date for his jury trial in January 2012.

According to court documents, Sanders admitted that in early 2009, he recruited a 15-year-old girl to work as a prostitute for him where all of the proceeds earned from prostitution were provided to Sanders. Sanders arranged for photos of the minor, along with advertisements detailing costs, to be posted online on websites. Sanders, a documented West Coast Crip gang member, was previously convicted of a similar offense in 2006 involving an adult female in San Diego County Superior Court.

During the sentencing hearing today, Judge Sabraw noted that Sanders' violent conduct toward this victim and other women is "a form of modern day slavery... involving society's most vulnerable victims." Judge Sabraw further stated that sex trafficking is "...a type of subjugation of women in today's society... that should not be tolerated or accepted."

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc. For more information about Internet safety education, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc and click on the tab "resources."

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 11CR1896-DMS

Jonathan Jamar Sanders
aka "Sincere"

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1591(a) and (b) - Sex Trafficking of Children or by Force, Fraud or Coercion

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations
San Diego Police Department