

************For Immediate Release********

Incident: Prostitution Operation Date: 07/01/2015 Location: Dunwoody, GA

A Prostitution operation was conducted in Dunwoody in response to numerous complaints submitted to the Dunwoody Police Department through Crime Stoppers and the Dunwoody Tip Line. These tips were regarding the ongoing issue of prostitution within the city limits of Dunwoody. In addition, Atlanta has been named by the FBI as one of 14 US cities with the highest rate of children used in prostitution. Our goal of the operation was to rescue any victims of human trafficking and reduce crime as it relates to prostitution.

On June 25th 2015 the Dunwoody Police Department worked in conjunction with the FBI Metro Atlanta Child Exploitation (MATCH) Task Force and the Gwinnet Police Department Vice Unit to conduct an undercover prostitution sting at a cooperating hotel within the city limits of Dunwoody. During this operation we were able to rescue a 26 year old female who had been placed into sexual servitude and located/recovered a missing 16 year female who was participating in acts of prostitution. Three subjects were arrested for Pimping (M), nine were arrested for Prostitution (M), and one juvenile was recovered. This operation would not have been possible without to the close working relationship the Dunwoody Police Department has with the business and hotel community.

If you suspect that someone is being forced into sexual servitude in Dunwoody please contact us at 678.382.6908 or **ANONYMOUS TIPS**: via SUBMIT A CRIME TIP, <u>www.dunwoodypolice.com</u> or <u>www.crimestoppersatlanta.org</u>, or text C-R-I-M-E-S (274-637) use the key word DPDTIPS at the start of your message. Each of these methods is confidential, encrypted, and completely anonymous.

Additional Resources:

Covenant House Georgia- providing care to homeless youth, call 1.800.999.999. Polaris Project National Human Trafficking Resource Center, call 1.888.373.7888 or Text BeFree (233733).

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