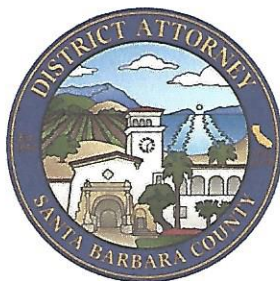


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**Re: *People v. Humberto Carranza and Cameron Jones*; Case No. 1481723**

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that a Santa Maria jury returned guilty verdicts in a human trafficking trial against 24-year old Humberto Carranza and 27-year old Cameron Jones. The jury found Defendant Carranza guilty of causing a minor to engage in a commercial sex act, pimping a minor, pandering a minor, two counts of oral copulation with a minor and unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor.

The jury also found Defendant Jones guilty of causing a minor to engage in a commercial sex act, pimping a minor, two counts of oral copulation with a minor and unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor.

Defendant Carranza met the 16-year old victim in Santa Maria in October 2015. Defendant Carranza then introduced the victim to his friend, Defendant Jones.

On October 25, 2015, the victim ran away with Defendant Carranza. On October 26, Defendant Carranza took the victim to Defendant Jones' house, where they persuaded her to become a prostitute with Defendant Carranza acting as her pimp. Defendant Carranza and Defendant Jones then placed prostitution advertisements for the victim on Craigslist.com, indicating she was 20-years old. On October 27 and October 28, 2015, Defendant Carranza rented motel rooms where various customers came to have sex with the victim. On October 29, a Good Samaritan saw the victim and alerted the victim's family and law enforcement to her location.

Sentencing will be on July 21, 2016, in Department 6, in front of the Honorable John McGregor. The maximum prison sentence for each defendant will be 14 years plus 8 months. Each defendant will also have to register as sex offenders for life pursuant to Penal Code section 290.

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