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JOINT UNDERCOVER HUMAN TRAFFICKING OPERATION LEADS TO THE ARREST OF TWO AND IDENTIFICATION OF VICTIMS

OLIVE BRANCH, Miss. – On Thursday, August 18, 2022, the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation led an undercover human trafficking operation in Olive Branch, Mississippi. This operation led to the arrest of two individuals and the identification of four human trafficking victims who were referred to victim services.

26-year-old Darielle Davone Sparks, from Marion, Arkansas was arrested and charged with six counts of promoting prostitution and attempted aggravated assault on a peace officer. His bond was set at \$850,000. 62-year-old John Edward Massengill, from Baldwin, Mississippi, was arrested and charged with human trafficking of a minor, and child exploitation. His bond has been set at \$200,000.

“The Human Trafficking Unit of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation is continuing to execute operations to identify and remove these criminals from our communities and protect those who are vulnerable and victims of human trafficking,” said Commissioner Sean Tindell. “Great job to all who had a hand in this operation!”

Desoto County Sheriff’s Department, Prentiss County Sheriff’s Department, Lee County Sheriff’s Department, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, Mississippi Department of Corrections, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Restore Corps Memphis, and the Center for Violence Prevention assisted in the operation which resulted in the arrest and apprehension of the following individuals.

If you suspect someone is a victim of human trafficking, please call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.



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