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Lauderdale County Man Connected to Human Trafficking Arrested

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Meridian, MS - On Monday, October 25, 2021, the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, with the assistance of MHP SWAT and the Lauderdale County Sherriff's Office, executed a search warrant for a Meridian man connected to human trafficking. The warrant yielded the arrest of 42-year-old Kodie Davidson Sr., along with weapons, various drugs, and a large amount of cash. Davidson's charges also included: possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, statutory rape, rape, and numerous other drug charges.

"Due to collaborating with multi-jurisdictional agencies, the MBI Human Trafficking/Special Victims Unit continues to be effective in combatting human trafficking," said Lt. Col Lee Morrison.

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