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## **AG Balderas Announces Arrest in Attorney General Human Trafficking Operation**

*Albuquerque, NM* – Today, Attorney General Hector Balderas announced that the Office of the Attorney General Human Trafficking Task Force recently conducted an undercover sting operation resulting in the arrest of Tyrone Davis.

“Human trafficking is nothing short of modern-day slavery and it remains a top priority of this administration to continue to protect New Mexico’s most vulnerable populations from this abhorrent depravity,” said Attorney General Hector Balderas.

On October 12th, 2016, Office of the Attorney General special agents conducted an operation in which they were contacting females advertising in the escort section of Backpage.com. One female was contacted via text and agreed to meet at an undisclosed location. Upon arrival, she negotiated with the undercover agent to have sexual intercourse in exchange for cash, and was then taken into custody. Agents outside the location made contact with Tyrone Davis, who had transported the female to the meeting site. Davis admitted to posting ads for the woman on Backpage.com and also replying to text messages on her behalf to set up meeting times and locations. He was then arrested for promoting prostitution and transported to the Metropolitan Detention Center for booking.

Booking photo of Tyrone Davis attached.

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