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## **AG Balderas Keeps Convicted Child Trafficker Behind Bars**

*Albuquerque, NM* – Today, Attorney General Hector Balderas announced that Sharoski Jackson, the man convicted of trafficking a child in 2013, will remain behind bars. A Court of Appeals judge today ruled that Jackson knowingly recruited, solicited, enticed, transported or obtained a person under the age of eighteen years with the intent or knowledge that the person would be caused to engage in commercial sexual activity.

“The individuals who prey on vulnerable children - exploiting, endangering and abusing them for their own personal gain – belong behind bars,” said Attorney General Hector Balderas. “My office will continue to fight to protect innocent children, who’s lives fall into the hands of monsters. I applaud the court of appeals' ruling.”

The Office of the Attorney General obtained his conviction on five felony counts including human trafficking, and promoting prostitution, and the defendant was sentenced to 49 years imprisonment in January of 2015.

As a result of today’s decision, Jackson will not receive a new trial. A photograph of Jackson is attached below.

