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Office of the Attorney General Convicts Human Trafficker; Defendant Faces Up to 97 Years in Prison

Albuquerque, N.M. - Today a jury in Bernalillo County returned verdicts of guilty for crimes committed by Wallace Carson. Carson was convicted of first degree Kidnapping and Human Trafficking of a seventeen year old girl from Albuquerque, who he kidnapped from the Greyhound bus station in downtown Albuquerque in February of 2013, and two counts of Human Trafficking of a twenty-one year old girl he trafficked from San Antonio, Texas into Albuquerque. Carson also was found guilty of two counts of Promoting Prostitution and two counts of Accepting the Earnings of a Prostitute. He faces 33 years of imprisonment and could be subject to 64 additional years as a habitual offender.

Attorney General Hector Balderas commented on the verdict stating, "I am pleased that juries are willing to understand the complexity of human trafficking, and hold offenders accountable for preying upon those who are vulnerable and subjecting those individuals to unspeakable acts and violence in order to turn a profit. My office is committed to pursuing justice in these cases and protecting New Mexico's most vulnerable populations."

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