## **COUNTY OF FRESNO**

National Human Trafficking Awareness Month

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## ALEXIS JADE DIAZ SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Today, Alexis Jade Diaz (23, of Fresno) was sentenced to 10 years in state prison for trafficking two victims in late 2017 and early 2018 and attempting to dissuade a witness from accurately reporting the crime.

Diaz was charged after an investigation revealed that she engaged in the operation of commercial sex activity by recruiting the two trafficking victims and facilitating their commercial sex activity. Diaz recruited, scheduled dates, transported the victims, and collected proceeds for her own financial gain. Diaz pleaded to the charges on November 3, 2021.

Although Diaz was eligible for probation, the sentencing judge determined that Diaz was not a suitable candidate for probation given the nature and seriousness of the crimes and the vulnerability of the victims.

The investigation was conducted by the Clovis Police Department and the case was successfully prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Kendall T. Reynolds of the District Attorney's Multi Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium (MAGEC) team.

As a reminder, January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and a time to raise awareness about human trafficking. Our office is dedicated to bringing justice to the survivors of this terrible crime.

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