



ROHNERT PARK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES

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Prostitution Ring run by Mother and Son Determined to be Expansive

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ROHNERT PARK, CA – On 01/26/18, Detectives from the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety arrested 38 year old David Romesburg and his mother, 59 year old Fay Romesburg, of Santa Rosa for Pimping, Pandering, and Human Trafficking as part of an investigation into a brothel being operated out of a Rohnert Park apartment. Detectives recovered numerous items of evidence during the service of several search warrants, and have spoken with several women who the Romesburg's were using in their prostitution business. All of the women contacted were offered services to assist them, and all are being considered victims or witnesses to the Romesburg's operation. While talking to some of the women contacted during the operation, Detectives were told that David and Fay Romesburg had recruited them for the prostitution business. Detectives were told David would post the ads for them online and respond to inquiries to the ads, then tell the women what time to meet the client. The women stated they had to pay a portion of the proceeds from their prostitution acts to David and Fay.

While reviewing the evidence collected from the Romesburg's house on Alvarado Ave. in Santa Rosa, numerous detailed records were located regarding their prostitution business including files on the women used in the operation and the clients who sought out their services. Based on those records, as well as the statements of the women contacted so far, it appears the Romesburgs have been operating this prostitution business for at least 10 years, and have had approximately 150 women working for them as prostitutes during that time. It was determined that one woman was under the age of 18 when she was recruited to work for them, and another stated she was sexually assaulted during her "interview". Statements by the women, as well as the records located, showed that the "Black Cat Industries" business they were about to open on Southwest Blvd. in Rohnert Park as a "gaming and karaoke studio" was also going to be used to host clients by the prostitutes. The business license for Black Cat Industries from the City of Rohnert Park has been subsequently denied.

Due to the extensive amount of time the Romesburgs have been operating this prostitution business, as well as the number of women who they have used as prostitutes, Rohnert Park Detectives are asking that any women who were used by the Romesburg's in this operation contact us at (707)584-2630 or at rpdpinvestigations@rpcity.org. We are not looking to prosecute any of the women involved, we only want to identify any other victims or witnesses used by David and Fay Romesburg.

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