

Defendant Sentenced for Human Trafficking, Pimping & Pandering



Sacramento County
District Attorney's Office
Semper Justitia

DATE: October 19, 2020

CASE: Kenneth Hawkins (Case #20FE004144)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Courtney Martin, Human Trafficking Unit

On October 16, 2020, the Honorable Steve White sentenced Kenneth Hawkins to 40 years in state prison. On September 17, 2020, a jury convicted Hawkins of human trafficking, pimping and pandering.

On March 1, 2020, the Sacramento Police Department received a report from a witness that Hawkins was forcing the victim to perform oral sex on another man in a parking lot on Franklin Boulevard. When officers located Hawkins and the victim, the victim disclosed that Hawkins had been forcing her to engage in prostitution. The victim also told officers that on that day, Hawkins was angry at her and humiliated her by forcing her to perform oral sex on another man in the parking lot as his friends stood by and taunted her. Friends of Hawkins filmed a portion of the crime and posted the video on social media. Officers located the video as well as other surveillance video that corroborated the reports of the witness and the victim.