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**COMMONWEALTH PREVAILS IN APPEAL OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
CONVICTION**

**BROCKTON** – The Massachusetts Appeals Court has affirmed the conviction of a Brockton woman found guilty of trafficking a person into prostitution, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

In January, 2017, a 16-year-old female victim from Fitchburg came forward to report to Brockton Police an incident which occurred over January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The victim reported to police that she traveled from Fitchburg to Brockton to attend a party. Once in Brockton, Dorian Sylvestre demanded the female victim perform sexual acts on others for money. The victim told police she refused on several occasions and attempted to leave but was held against her will.

In April, 2018, after a two-day jury waived trial in Plymouth Superior Court, Sylvestre, now 24, was found guilty of Trafficking of a Person into Sexual Servitude and was sentenced to serve five years to five years and one day in State Prison.

Sylvestre appealed her conviction to the Massachusetts Appeals Court, claiming that there was insufficient evidence to support the conviction. Today, in an unpublished decision, the Appeals Court rejected that claim.

Keith Grace, now 28, of Chelsea, a co-defendant of Sylvestre's who detectives found helped arrange to pick up the victim in Fitchburg and bring her to Brockton, was also convicted and sent to state prison.

The Sylvestre case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Amanda Fowle and the Appeals Court case was handled by Assistant District Attorney Mary Nguyen.