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**WHITMAN MAN SENTENCED TO STATE PRISON ON HUMAN
TRAFFICKING CHARGES**

BROCKTON – A Whitman man was sentenced to State Prison time after he was convicted of a human trafficking charge, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

Yesterday, after 2 ½ days of trial, a jury deliberated for three hours before finding Jean Jeffry Vilno, 31, guilty of one count of Human Trafficking. Plymouth Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Locke sentenced Vilno to serve six to eight years in State Prison.

In December, 2018, a female victim reported to Whitman Police Department that she was being trafficked by an individual identified as Vilno out of his residence at 21 Central Street in Whitman. The female victim reported that she would receive clients in Whitman, or that Vilno would transport her to see clients in other areas. She would engage in commercial sex with individuals that responded to ads posted by Vilno online.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Amanda Fowle, and was investigated by the Whitman Police Department with the assistance of the State Police High Risk Victim's Unit.

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