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**BROCKTON MAN SENT TO STATE PRISON FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING
WOMAN**

BROCKTON – A Brockton man has been sent to State Prison after being convicted of trafficking another human, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

On September 28, after a 2-day trial in Brockton Superior Court, a jury found Steven Weaver, 40, guilty of one count each of Trafficking of a Person for Sexual Servitude, Rape, and Deriving Support from Earnings of a Prostitute.

Today, in Brockton Superior Court, Steven Weaver, 40, was sentenced to serve no less than five years and no more than seven years in State Prison on the Rape charge, and no less than five years and no more than six years on the Trafficking of a Person for Sexual Servitude charge. Those sentences are to run consecutive from each other. On the Deriving Support from Earnings of a Prostitute charge, Judge Robert Gordon sentenced Weaver to serve no less than two years and no more than five years in State Prison.

The charges follow an investigation by Brockton Police after a female victim reported in August, 2021 that she was being trafficked and abused by Weaver. As a result of the investigation, Brockton Police sought and obtained an arrest warrant for Weaver.

“My office continues to aggressively prosecute those who manipulate, abuse, and sell human beings for profit,” DA Cruz said. “At the same time, we work just as hard to provide access to trauma informed services to help victims recover and return to a healthy and safe life. The U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs recently awarded our office and victim service provider Family and Community Resources \$1.5 million in funding to bolster efforts to investigate and prosecute human trafficking cases and get victims the vital services that they desperately need.”

Assistant District Attorney Amanda Fowle prosecuted the case, which was investigated by Brockton Police.