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Press Release: Indictment Announced Drug Dealing Human Trafficking

Following an intensive investigation by the Longmont Police Department, Boulder County Sheriff's Office, and the District Attorney's Office, the District Attorney's Office today announced the arrest of Angel Gomez Rubio for providing drugs and vapes to middle and high school-aged students in exchange for money and sexual acts. The investigation included the use of records and evidence obtained from search warrants for social media, bank, and phone companies. Through these records and witness interviews, investigators uncovered a drug dealing operation where the Defendant targeted middle and high school students. Specifically, this individual would sell drugs, namely Psilocybin Mushrooms, MDMA, Marijuana and Vapes, to juveniles throughout Boulder County and the surrounding areas. Further investigation revealed that Angel Gomez Rubio coerced underage girls to perform sexual acts in exchange for drugs and vapes.

Angel Gomez Rubio was arrested in Texas after returning from a trip to Mexico on nineteen (19) charges, including: five counts of Human Trafficking of a Minor for Sexual Servitude, a class two felony, Distribution of a Controlled Substance to a Minor, a class one drug felony, Special Offender – Pattern and Special Offender - Displays Firearm, class one drug felonies, Enticement of a Child, a class three felony, two counts of Internet Luring of Child, a class four felony, two counts of Sexual Assault on a Child, a class three felony, one count of Sexual Assault, a class four felony, one count of Sexual Assault - Force, a class three felony, Kidnapping, a class two felony, Money Laundering, a class three felony, Sexual Exploitation of a Child, a class three felony, and Distribution of Marijuana, a class three drug felony. Based on the various charges, he faces a wide sentencing range to include numerous years in state prison and possibly a life sentence.

Fernando Pacheco, the co-defendant in this case, was arrested November 24, 2023, on three charges including Human Trafficking for Sexual Servitude, a class two felony, Sexual Assault on a Child, a class four felony, and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, a class one misdemeanor. He also faces a wide sentencing range to include numerous years in state prison and possibly a life sentence.

The Longmont Police Department, Boulder County Sheriff's Office, and District Attorney's Office are seeking anyone with additional information. We encourage additional victims and witnesses to contact Longmont Police Detective Daniel Kilian at 303-774-3693, Detective Ryan Williams at 303-774-4839, Boulder County Sheriff Detective Michael McKinley at 303-441-4692, or District Attorney Senior Investigator Edna Munoz at 303-441-1355. D.A. Senior Investigator Munoz specializes in human trafficking cases.

Longmont Police Chief Jeff Satur stated, "We are grateful to all our partners who provided assistance during this investigation. We would also like to express our appreciation for the support extended by the Boulder County D.A.'s Office, Boulder County Sheriff's Office, and their investigators. This was a significant and challenging investigation, and we are proud of the teamwork and dedication. Our number one priority is the safety and well-being of our community, especially school-aged children."

Boulder County Sheriff Curtis Johnson, stated, "The Sheriff's Office appreciates the Longmont Police Department and the Boulder County District Attorney's Office working with us on this case. It is a great example of the teamwork and coordination that occurs in Boulder County when crimes are committed in multiple jurisdictions. The arrest in this complex and challenging case is the result of hard work by detectives and prosecutors working together to protect young victims."

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "These defendants are charged with preying upon middle and high school students, including coercing students to engage in sexual acts for drugs and vapes. This arrest is a direct result of the outstanding efforts and teamwork of the investigators and prosecutors. Our office will strongly support the victims and fight for the right outcome in this case."

As in every criminal case, these charges are merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty.