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[CORRECTION: Winn's sentencing is scheduled for Sept. 12, while Avery's sentencing will be on Aug. 22.]

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## Two Men Convicted of Human Trafficking, Pimping, Other Crimes

A jury found two men guilty on Friday afternoon of human trafficking and pimping several women and a teenager over several months, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Lee Ashley Cernok said a jury deliberated for less than two hours before finding Lebrette Stacey Winn, 23, of Long Beach guilty of two counts of pimping, two counts of pandering by procuring, and one count each of human trafficking to commit another crime, sodomy by use of force, forcible rape, aggravated mayhem and kidnapping.

Winn's codefendant, Eric James Avery, 25, of Long Beach was convicted of two felony counts: pimping a minor 16 years of age or older and human trafficking of a minor for a sex act. Additionally, jurors found true a gang allegation for Avery.

Winn is scheduled to be sentenced Aug. 22 by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Tomson T. Ong, while Avery's sentence will be determined on Sept. 12 in case NAO95730. Winn faces a maximum sentence of 37 years, 8 months to life in state prison. Avery may be sentenced up to 34 years in state prison. Both men will have to register as sex offenders for life.

The prosecutor said on May 15, 2013, two female victims, ages 20 and 18, escaped a locked car in Culver City. They ran to a Good Samaritan and told him they had been kidnapped and forced into prostitution. The man drove them to a nearby police station and authorities began an investigation.

The 20-year-old victim told police she met Winn in January 2013. At the time, the defendant convinced the woman to work as a prostitute and then he raped her.

The prosecutor said although the woman tried working as a prostitute, she ultimately ran away. Still, Winn found the woman and made her continue to prostitute, all the while physically and sexually assaulting her.

Ultimately, Winn had his pimp moniker and a dollar sign tattooed on the victim's forehead as punishment for her for wanting to go home. Additionally, he wanted to show she was his property, the prosecutor said.

The 18-year-old victim told authorities that she met Winn in November 2012 and he also persuaded her to prostitute for him. The victim eventually stopped prostituting.

On May 15, 2013, defendant created a ruse for the 18-year-old to meet with him, at which point he forced her into his car and threatened her. Winn then picked up the 20-year-old victim and took both women to the mall. While he was inside, both women escaped from the vehicle.

A day after the two victims went to police, law enforcement arrested Winn while he was driving to meet the victim. Police pulled him over and arrested him. Codefendant Eric Avery was the passenger in the vehicle and also was taken into custody.

Officers found a hotel key in Avery's pocket, the prosecutor said. When they went to the hotel room, they discovered a 16-year-old girl who revealed she had been working as a prostitute for Avery.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department Vice Investigations Section, Sex Crimes Detail, Missing Persons Detail, and Gang Enforcement Division.

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