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Man Pleads to Human Trafficking of Minor in Long Beach

A 28-year-old man entered a no contest plea today for trafficking a teenage girl for sex, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Kelly Kelley said Patrick Lamont Harris of Los Angeles pleaded to one count of human trafficking of a minor for a commercial sex act in case NA103753.

Harris was immediately sentenced to 11 years in state prison and ordered to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

Harris met the 15-year-old victim in February 2016 and began pimping her on a website, the prosecutor said. According to court testimony, the defendant rented hotel rooms and drove the girl to various locations so that she could perform sex acts with men.

On March 9, 2016, investigators conducted a sting where they came into contact with the victim and learned about the defendant's involvement with her, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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