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## Human Trafficking Suspect Charged

A Los Angeles man was charged today with trafficking girls as young as 13 for commercial sex, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Raylonzo Roberts (dob 3/4/75) is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center in case BA439381. Prosecutors will ask that his bail be set at \$4.5 million.

Deputy District Attorneys Guillermo Santiso and Jane Creighton with the Sex Crimes Division are prosecuting the case.

Roberts is charged with a total of 14 felony counts: two counts each of pandering a minor for sex and aggravated sexual assault of a child; six counts of human trafficking of a minor for commercial sex; three counts of lewd act on a child; and one count of assault with a firearm.

Roberts is charged with sexually assaulting or sexually trafficking eight girls at various times between August 2011 and July 2015. Prosecutors said he physically assaulted two of the young victims, one because she failed to make sufficient money and the other because she left him to work for another pimp.

He is charged with assaulting a ninth female victim with a firearm on March 23.

If convicted, Roberts faces up to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department's South Bureau Human Trafficking Unit and the Long Beach Police Department.

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