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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY – September 28, 2012

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that Van Anthony White aka “Peanut”, a documented Lincoln Park gang member and former parolee at large, was sentenced today by United States District Court Judge Anthony J. Battaglia to serve 120 months in federal prison, followed ten years of supervised release and mandatory registration under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act.

According to court documents, White pled guilty in June 2012 to one count of Sex Trafficking of Children, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1591(a) and (b). In his plea, White admitted that he set up online ads on the Internet offering commercial sex acts with the minor female, who was fourteen years old at the time of the offenses. According to charging documents, White would instruct the minor in prices to charge, allotted time for each date and he then took possession of all of the money she earned from prostitution.

This case stems from an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood and the FBI's Innocent Images National Initiative (www.fbi.gov). Both are nationwide initiatives of the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc. For more information about internet safety education, please visit www.usdoj.gov/psc and click on the tab "resources."

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 12CR0555-AJB

Van Anthony White

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1591(a) and (b) - Sex Trafficking of Children

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

Federal Bureau of Investigation
San Diego Police Department
National City Police Department