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VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Jiuyin Cui (DOB 3/19/53), of Rosemead, pled guilty to conspiracy to commit the crime of human trafficking, three counts of pimping, and two counts of money laundering. Sentencing for Cui is set for April 19, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 36 of the Ventura Superior Court, County of Ventura.

In February 2016, a Ventura County Sheriff's detective went online and located an advertisement on backpage.com under the Ventura County section labeled "escorts." The advertisement listed the location of service as the city of Camarillo. Sheriff's deputies called the number to inquire about the services. A female, Defeng Hu, answered the phone and directed the deputy to a hotel room.

During their investigation, detectives learned that a prostitution ring transported adult women from another country to various counties throughout California, placing them in hotel rooms to engage in prostitution. Detectives identified Cui as personally transporting the women to and from hotels in California.

The investigation led to the arrest of four defendants. Jerry Wang and Defeng Hu pled guilty last month to conspiracy to commit human trafficking, pimping, and money laundering charges. Jerry Wang is expected to receive 12 years 8 months for his criminal acts. Defeng Hu is expected to receive 11 years 6 months for her role in the criminal organization. Their sentencing is set for March 29, 2017, in courtroom 12 of the Ventura Superior Court, County of Ventura.

Yiwen Wang, Jerry Wang's sister, pled guilty in January to money laundering and tax evasion. She is serving a felony jail sentence of 3 years 8 months.

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