

State Police Conduct a Human Trafficking Sting Operation

On Wednesday, the State Police High Risk Victim Unit and the Auburn Police Department, in conjunction with other State Police units, conducted a human trafficking sting operation at an area hotel. The operation resulted in the arrest of a suspect and the recovery of three women and a teenage girl who were being sexually exploited.

Troopers and officers arrested ORLANDO RANGE, 27, of Dorchester, who was charged with human trafficking and operating a motor vehicle after license suspension. He was arraigned yesterday; while bail was set at \$340, his bail on an unrelated pending criminal case was revoked, meaning that RANGE is being held at this time.

Four alleged victims of exploitation were recovered and interviewed. Three women, ages 20, 21, and 33, were released after being interviewed and advised of available resources. The fourth, a 17-year-old girl, was taken to an area hospital for examination. The state Department of Children and Families was notified of the police contact with the 17-year-old.

The investigation and operation were conducted by the MSP High Risk Victims Unit, the Auburn Police Department, the State Police Gang Unit, and the State Police Detective Unit for Worcester County.