

South Tahoe man pleads guilty to sex trafficking

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An Irvine man was sentenced to 22 months in federal prison today for transporting prostitutes over state lines to work at Seattle-area brothels disguised as massage parlors and tanning salons.

Along with the prison sentence, Jesus "Jesse" Deleon was ordered to pay \$152,000 and turn over eleven luxury watches at his sentencing hearing in a U.S. District Court in Seattle, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation officials said.

Deleon, who investigators say has already served 22 months in a California state prison for a similar crime in Sacramento County, will also serve three years' probation after his release.

Deleon, along with Donald Kerry Frey of South Lake Tahoe, pleaded guilty to the sex trafficking charges in July. The two co-owned the Aloha Tanning Resort in Renton, the Avalon Spa in Seattle and the Malibu Tanning Spa in Tukwila.

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