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Suspect Arrested for Pimping and Pandering by Operating Brothels

SANTA ANA, Calif. – (September 3, 2014) – On Tuesday, September 2, 2014, Orange County Sheriff’s investigators served multi-location search warrants following a pimping and pandering investigation involving two locations. Nga “Sandra” Tran, 45, Lake Forest, was arrested following an investigation that identified her as the owner/operator of brothels in the cities of Stanton and Lake Forest.

Tran is suspected of exploiting two female adults, 19 and 20 years of age, who worked for her as prostitutes. Tran is believed to have operated/owned two brothels where the victims would receive money in exchange for sex acts. As operator/owner of the brothel, Tran collected a portion of the proceeds from sex services performed and provided condoms, lubricant and information on ways to avoid detection by law enforcement. Several items of evidence were obtained from each of the locations.

Tran was arrested and booked into Orange County Jail on charges of pimping and pandering. She is being held without bail and expected to appear in court on Thursday, September, 4, 2014.

The case was referred to the Orange County District Attorney’s HEAT unit.

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