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AG Fitch Announces Recent Human Trafficking Sentencing

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(Jackson, Mississippi) Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced the sentencing of Chad Owen of Purvis, Mississippi for one count of human trafficking of a minor. This case was investigated and prosecuted by the Mississippi Attorney General's Office.

"We are committed to vigorously investigating human trafficking crimes, and we are equally committed to seeing these cases through in the courtroom," **said Attorney General Lynn Fitch**. "When we put these predators away, we help their victims take back their power from their traffickers, and that is an important foundation as they rebuild their lives."

On November 9, Lamar County Circuit **Judge Prentiss Harrell** sentenced Owen for one count of human trafficking of a minor to 40 years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC), with 15 years to serve, 5 years of post-release supervision, and 20 years of unsupervised probation. He was also ordered to pay $1,000 to the Mississippi Crime Victim Compensation Fund and $1,000 to the Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund. Owen will have to register as a sex offender upon release.



Chad Owen

Since taking office in 2020, Attorney General Fitch has made efforts to end human trafficking one of her highest priorities. To date, her investigators have certified 720 law enforcement officers across the State, led 67 multi-jurisdictional operations, made 205 arrests, and recovered 402 victims – including 24 minors. In 2021, General Fitch launched her statewide human trafficking awareness campaign, Be the Solution. With this multi-prong approach, General Fitch continues to empower all Mississippians to

help identify, report, and end human trafficking in Mississippi. Learn more about these anti-trafficking efforts at https://attorneygenerallynnfitch.com/bethesolution/

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