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Two Massage Business Owners Charged with Pimping

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced today that two massage business owners have been arraigned on felony pimping charges after an investigation and arrest by the Ventura County Human Trafficking Task Force.

Shuzhi Fan (DOB 11/29/75), of Thousand Oaks, and Qiuju Jia (DOB 09/14/79), of Temple City, have been charged with felony pimping and felony pandering by procuring prostitution. It is further alleged that the crime was carried out in a sophisticated manner. Fan and Jia pled not guilty at their arraignments.

In May 2023, the Task Force received tips that Xinyi Massage in Thousand Oaks appeared to be engaging in commercial sex activity. Fan, the owner of the business, was allegedly profiting from the illicit activity. Further investigation revealed two additional massage parlor businesses, VIP Massage in Arcadia (also owned by Fan) and H Massage in Calabasas (owned by Jia) were also engaging in prostitution activity. Investigators believe Fan and Jia were working together to conduct the illegal activity. Fan was arrested September 5, and Jia arrested September 6, 2023.

Deputy District Attorney Rikole Kelly, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Sexual Assault Unit, is prosecuting the case.

Early disposition conferences are scheduled for Fan and Jia on September 18, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Fan and Jia are being held in the Ventura County Jail with bail set at \$20,000 each.

Case: 2023023505 Defendant Information: Shuzhi Fan (DOB 11/29/75)

Thousand Oaks

Case: 2023023639
Defendant Information:
Qiuju Jia (DOB 09/14/79)
Temple City

Charges filed against both:

- PC 266h(a) Pimping
- PC 266i(a)(1) Pandering by procuring prostitution

Special Allegations:

 CRC 4.421(a)(8) – The manner in which the crime was carried out indicates planning, sophistication, or professionalism