

Sting Operation at Massage Facilities Results in Three Closures

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Bakersfield, CA – Kern County Sheriff's Office and Kern County Public Health Services conducted an undercover sting operation on February 26, 2018 involving three massage facilities in the unincorporated areas of Kern County. Three women were cited and released for misdemeanor county ordinance violations or solicitation of prostitution. The undercover detectives from the Sheriff's Office cited the three women at the following facilities:

- Sunflower Massage – 700 Airport Drive, Bakersfield, CA. Detectives cited and released 54 year-old Chunping Li from Alhambra, CA for violation of Kern County Ordinance 8.70.100(B)(2) expose genital part and 8.70.100(B)(3) touch genital part.
- Sweet Asian Massage - 314 Norris Road, Bakersfield, CA. Detectives cited and released 51 year-old Zhaomei Liang from San Gabriel, CA for violation of PC 647(b) solicitation of prostitution.
- New Oriental Massage – 1928 North Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, CA. Detectives cited and released 55 year-old Bao Hong Dong from Baldwin Park, CA for violation of PC 647(b) solicitation of prostitution.

Additionally, Public Health took administrative action and issued a notice to each facility notifying them that they were in violation of the County Ordinance and must close immediately.

This is the second sting operation under a new County Ordinance whereby Public Health regulates massage establishments to ensure they maintain a safe and sanitary environment as well as establish reasonable standards to reduce the opportunity for acts of prostitution and human trafficking to occur. We partner with the Kern County Sheriff's Office to investigate all complaints and reports of suspected or known prostitution and/or human trafficking activities in massage establishments.

Anyone who suspects illicit activity at a massage facility is asked to call Kern County Public Health Services at 661-321-3000.

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