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## **Saved In America Assists Mother In Obtaining A \$250,000 Judgement In Favor Of Her Child**

The Judgment funds will help to support the child, who was a victim of a sexual predator.

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**San Diego, (December 31, 2020)** – Saved In America (SIA) received its first judgement on behalf of a 14-year-old child who was a victim of a sexual predator. Once the funds are received, they will help to assist the minor with ongoing treatment, rehabilitation and recovery. “We now have a vehicle to obtain assets to assist the child and family to cover ongoing costs for rehabilitation, counseling and education,” stated Founder & CEO Joseph Travers. “We are currently attempting to find assets to collect the funds on behalf of the child.”

In March 2016, the child was last seen early in the morning at the school bus stop. She never attended school and her mother reported her missing when she didn’t come home. In coordination with two County Sheriff Departments and the local Police Department, Saved In America deployed its investigative team in search of the child. Within days, SIA received more than 3,000 interactions and tips from their social networking investigation. Surveillance and sources proved that the child was being held by a man at a hotel. In April 2016, SIA coordinated a sting operation with the Police Department and the child’s mother to recover the child. The operation was successful, and the suspect was arrested. In June 2016, the child went missing again. SIA deployed its resources and once again assisted law enforcement in the child’s recovery.

Subsequently, Saved In America received a commendation letter from the County Sheriff Department that provided, in part: “your organization, the family, the Police Department, Detective with our agency, and the District Attorney’s Office all came together to get help for the female juvenile and reunite her with her family. Additionally, the criminal investigation has

been completed for the adult male who harbored her from the family. Thank you for the work your organization does in protecting our vulnerable youth."

Saved In America's legal counsel added "hopefully the fact that predators will face civil liability along with criminal prosecution, and the possibility of judgment liens levied against their personal assets, will be a strong deterrent to anyone involved in trafficking children in the United States."

After the child was recovered, Saved In America assisted the parents in filing a civil action which resulted in a confidential settlement with certain defendants and a \$250,000 Judgment against one of the defendant. The Judgment funds will be directed to the child's rehabilitation and education in hopes of providing her with a brighter future. #ChildSavedNotSold

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#### **About Saved In America**

Founded in 2009 by Joseph A. Travers, Saved In America (SIA) is headquartered in San Diego, California with national alliances and reach. At no charge to families, SIA volunteers to assist parents and law enforcement to locate missing, runaway and exploited children – the groups most vulnerable to sexual trafficking. For victims of sexual exploitation, SIA assists in procuring legal representation, safe housing, and rehabilitative therapy. SIA also aids high risk juvenile shelters to protect children from further exploitation by pimps and predators. SIA is a member of the United States Human Trafficking Information Exchange Group, Washington D.C. Since December 2014, SIA has assisted parents and law enforcement in the recovery of more than 247 children. For more information, please visit <https://www.savedinamerica.org/> #ChildSavedNotSold