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For Immediate Release:

### **Columbia Man Sentenced to Nine Years in Prison for Sex Crimes Against a Minor**

Howard County, MD (October 28, 2021) –Timothy Jamar Ford, age 40, of Deep River Canyon, was sentenced today in Howard County Circuit Court by Judge Timothy J. McCrone to 25 years suspending all but nine years in prison for a human trafficking incident that took place in Columbia in 2019. Ford pleaded guilty on Sept. 30, 2020, to one count of human trafficking and one count of filming a child engaged in a sex act.

On October 29, 2019, the victim was panhandling in the area of Daystar Court and NightMist Circle when Ford approached the victim and asked him if he was looking for work. Once in the car, Ford told him he could earn hundreds of dollars if he engaged in sexual acts with other people. Instead, the victim reported that Ford took him to his residence and sexually assaulted him. Ford returned the victim in the neighborhood near his home and gave him a few dollars with the promise to give him the remaining amount later that week.

Through investigation, Howard County Police identified Ford as the suspect and arrested him at his home on Nov. 7, 2019.

As part of his sentencing today, Ford must complete a psycho-sexual evaluation and treatment, sex offender treatment, have no contact with the victim, have no unsupervised contact with minors and must register as a Tier II Sex Offender.

This case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant State's Attorney Jennifer W. Ritter.

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