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60-year-old Chatham-Kent man arrested and charged for human trafficking, police say

The man faces multiple charges related to human trafficking

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Chatham-Kent Police say the suspect has been released, though he has a scheduled court date for Nov. 24. (Chatham-Kent Police Service)

A 60-year-old Chatham-Kent man has been charged with human trafficking along with a number of other criminal offences, according to police.

In September, police say they received a report alleging domestic abuse and human trafficking of a local woman. On Tuesday, police arrested a man in connection to that report.

The man faces several charges, eight of which are related to human trafficking. The charges include:

- Sexual assault.
- Two counts of assault.
- Receiving material benefit resulting from trafficking of persons.
- Derive material benefit.
- Exercising control.
- Procuring.
- Advertising sexual services.

"The reality is that human trafficking is real and it is here in our community," Chatham-Kent police Chief Gary Conn said in a news release. "Human trafficking is a complex and hidden crime. It is also a human rights violation that results in serious and long-term trauma for survivors."

The man has since been released with a court date scheduled for Nov. 24.

The police news release said they encourage anyone who may have more information on this incident or been a victim of any sex trafficking to come forward.

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