

# Human Trafficking Cases April 2021

## **Fayetteville duo accused of smuggling women and children into United States, then forcing them into free labor**

*March 4, 2021*

Two Fayetteville residents are accused of smuggling Honduran women and children into the United States and holding them against their will for free labor.

Martha Zelaya-Mejia, 37, and David Darnell Whitehead, 42, were arrested on charges of conspiracy to smuggle, transport and harbor aliens for commercial advantage or private financial gain, conspiracy to commit forced labor and money laundering.

Full Story:

[https://www.wral.com/fayetteville-duo-accused-of-smuggling-women-and-children-into-united-states-then-forcing-them-into-free-labor/19558401/?fbclid=IwAR0v1\\_OMIqH-hHwqGI9ur2rcDkOsSdWerqmj-rGS\\_3YRe9giRPlhRdc-HrU](https://www.wral.com/fayetteville-duo-accused-of-smuggling-women-and-children-into-united-states-then-forcing-them-into-free-labor/19558401/?fbclid=IwAR0v1_OMIqH-hHwqGI9ur2rcDkOsSdWerqmj-rGS_3YRe9giRPlhRdc-HrU)

## **Child porn conviction follows attempt to eat the evidence**

*March 23, 2021*

A Mexican national has been convicted on child pornography charges after authorities say he tried to swallow memory cards containing pornographic images when he was detained following a traffic stop.

Federal prosecutors say David Sierra Orozco, 31, was convicted Tuesday after a two-day jury trial in Raleigh, North Carolina. of possessing child pornography.

Local deputies in Harnett County stopped Orozco in July 2017 after they say he was driving his Lexus erratically. During the traffic stop, deputies noticed a hidden compartment in the car and found more than \$100,000 in cash.

Full story:

[https://www.reflector.com/news/state/child-porn-conviction-follows-attempt-to-eat-the-evidence/article\\_0e2f51db-e80c-5c6f-ace9-a3bf5b4dd8d1.html](https://www.reflector.com/news/state/child-porn-conviction-follows-attempt-to-eat-the-evidence/article_0e2f51db-e80c-5c6f-ace9-a3bf5b4dd8d1.html)