



**VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
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VPD Case # 08-600

**266h(a) P.C. – PIMPING**  
**261(a)(1) P.C. – RAPE OF A PERSON WITH A MENTAL DISORDER**  
**286 P.C. – SODOMY**  
**288(a) P.C.- LEWD & LACIVIOUS ACTS**  
**182(a)(1) P.C. – CONSPIRACY**

Mid-year in 2007, the Vallejo Police Department opened a 261.5 P.C. (Unlawful Intercourse) investigation involving a 14 year-old victim; the suspects in the continuing independent investigation were identified as 19 year-old Vallejo resident Della Silva and her then boyfriend. During the course of this investigation Detectives learned that Silva was involved in pimping/pandering of the victim.

In early January of this year, a 19 year-old developmentally disabled victim came forward alleging that she was raped by the cousin of Suspect Silva, identified as 18 year-old Dwayne Fitch of San Francisco. The victim also alleged that Silva forced her into several acts of prostitution with strangers.

On the morning of February 05, 2008, a search warrant was served at Silva's Vallejo residence. Silva was arrested at the location and her 21 month-old daughter was removed from her custody and turned over to Solano County Child Protective Services. Suspect Fitch was located and arrested a short time later in the city of Napa.

During subsequent interviews of the suspects, Fitch admitted to taking part in the rape of the victim. Fitch also described in detail how Silva sought out clients for the victim and drove her to meet these clients and engage in sex acts in exchange for money. Both suspects were booked into Solano County Jail for the above listed charges.

Vallejo Detectives believe there are additional victims who operated under this prostitution network and are working to develop more information.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Corporal Les Bottomley at (707) 648-4533.