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HAWAI'I COUNTY WOMAN CHARGED WITH LABOR TRAFFICKING

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HONOLULU —The Department of the Attorney General's Special Investigation and Prosecution Division ("SIPD") indicted Ludin Yorleny Pena Miranda, 26, for nine counts of Labor Trafficking in the First Degree on August 27, 2025. Miranda is accused of allegedly forcing minors to engage in labor or services.

SIPD conducted the investigation in concert with the U.S. Department of Labor Office of the Inspector General and Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Homeland Security Investigations, the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG) and the Hawai'i County Police Department. Miranda was arrested by Hawai'i County Police on September 2, 2025.

"Labor trafficking targets the most vulnerable people within our communities, including minors," said Attorney General Anne Lopez. "My office stands ready to work with our federal, state and county partners to investigate and prosecute human trafficking in any form."

“An important part of the mission of the Office of Inspector General is to investigate allegations of labor trafficking. This collaborative investigative effort with our local, state and federal partners affirms our commitment to investigate these types of allegations,” said Quentin Heiden, Special Agent-in-Charge, Western Region, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General.

“The arrest of Ludin Yorleny Pena Miranda shows how federal, state and local agencies work together to fight human trafficking and protect vulnerable people. Homeland Security Investigations is committed to bringing justice to those who exploit our communities, especially when minors are involved,” said Homeland Security Investigations Acting Special Agent in Charge Christian Ammons.

“HHS-OIG remains steadfast in its commitment to preserving the integrity of programs administered by the Office of Refugee Resettlement and to safeguarding the health and well-being of those entrusted to their care,” stated Acting Special Agent in Charge IL Yong Jeon of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General. “This indictment sends a clear message that egregious acts of exploitation, such as those alleged, will not go unanswered and will be met with rigorous investigation by HHS-OIG in close coordination with our Federal and State partners.”

The case, State v. Ludin Yorleny Pena Miranda, Case No. 3CPC-25-0000693, is being prosecuted by SIPD Deputy Attorney General Leigh Okimoto.

Labor Trafficking in the First Degree is a Class A felony punishable by 20 years in prison and a fine not exceeding \$50,000.

Miranda is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The public can report human trafficking to the Department of the Attorney General’s Special Investigation and Prosecution Division using the Submit a Tip to SIPD website, which is <https://ag.hawaii.gov/sipd/tips/>. If there is an emergency or immediately threat to life, please call 911.

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