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**MOTHER CHARGED WITH CHILD TRAFFICKING OF DAUGHTER; BOYFRIEND  
CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL ASSAULT, CASH BOND SET AT \$1 MILLION  
DOLLARS, BOTH IN COUNTRY ILLEGALLY**

Re: State of Wisconsin vs. Elia Antonio  
Case No. 2024CF000463  
State of Wisconsin vs. Juan Carlos Rocha Mejia  
Case No. 2024CF000464

Today District Attorney Eric J. Toney announced that Elia Antonio has been charged with Trafficking of a Child, Failure to Protect a Child, and bail jumping. Juan Carlos Rocha Mejia has been charged with First Degree Sexual Assault, Child Enticement, Strangulation/Suffocation, and False Imprisonment. The charges stem from May 18, 2024 allegations. Both defendants are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty.

Both defendants made their initial court appearance today and Judge Douglas Edelstein set cash bond at \$1 million for each defendant. The investigation reflects the defendants are illegally in the United States and ICE detainers have been placed on the defendants. Both defendants are scheduled for a preliminary hearing on June 7, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

District Attorney Eric Toney stated "Sadly, human trafficking exists all over the world, including Fond du Lac County. We will always stand with law enforcement to protect our community from monsters that prey on children and ensure they're held accountable in the justice system. Help is available with the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888 or text "INFO" to 233733. Local resources are available with ASTOP's 24 hour crisis line: 920-926-5395."

The investigation is being led by the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office. The investigation is ongoing and additional charges could be filed at a later date. If anyone has information or background on Elia Antonio or Juan Carlos Rocha Mejia we are asking that you contact the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office tip line: 920-406-4777. These cases are being prosecuted by District Attorney Eric Toney and ADA Kristin Menzl.

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