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Alejandra Gil, the “Madam of Sullivan”, received 15 years in prison

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MEXICO CITY, 13 March.- Alejandra Gil Cuervo, known as the “Madam of Sullivan”, along with her son Omar Sayún Gil, both accused of the crime of people trafficking, have been sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment. They will also have to pay a fine of 861,900 pesos each, as decided by a criminal judge.

Alejandra Gil directed an organisation to hide the unlawful sexual exploitation activities that take place in the Sullivan area.

The accused were arrested on 12 February 2014, after two victims made a direct accusation against them.

Alejandra Gil, 64 years of age, faced ordinary criminal proceedings and is currently detained at the Women's Social Readaptation Centre of Santa Martha Acatitla.

Meanwhile, her son, Omar Sayún, is being held at the East Prison. Gil Cuervo and her son, accused of the crime of people trafficking, were arrested during an operation last year. She was considered one of the most powerful madams on Sullivan.

According to sources of the Higher Court of Justice of the Federal District (TSDJDF), their attorneys appealed the sentence handed down by the 19th Criminal Court.

This woman directed Asociación Civil Pro Apoyo a Servidores (Aproase) (Civil Association for the Support of Servers), which she used to hide the unlawful sexual exploitation activities that take place in the Sullivan area.

Alejandra Gil's foundation was created on 7 April 2005 and, due to its apparent function, it received federal resources in an amount of one million pesos, thanks to projects that entailed economic stimuli for the development of people in sex work.

In 2009, she participated in the HIV-AIDS Transmission Prevention Programme, receiving resources of over 600,000 pesos.

In 2010, it received government support in the amount of 172,642 pesos for HIV prevention. In 2011, it also obtained two grants, also from Censida, of 229,800 pesos and 40,000 pesos.

Likewise, the organisation received 88,000 pesos from the National Institute for Social Development for an HPV-prevention campaign. For this reason, the National Institute for Social Development will review the situation of the association directed by Alejandra Gil, accused of the crime of people trafficking.

Excélsior reported that Alejandra Gil helped Saúl Herrera Soriano, arrested and sentenced to 40 years' imprisonment after being found guilty of the crime of trafficking two women. The man told the judge that the Madam was who paid for her defence, which ultimately failed.