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**UPPER MARLBORO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TRANSPORTING
A 17 YEAR OLD GIRL TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY**

*Case Prosecuted by Maryland's Child Exploitation Task Force;
Defendant Faces Minimum Federal Sentence of 10 Years For Taking
Teenager to Sex Parties*

Greenbelt, Maryland - Troy Walker, a/k/a 'Caveman," age 48, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, pleaded guilty today to transporting a minor with the intent to engage in prostitution.

The guilty plea was announced by United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein; Special Agent in Charge Stephen E. Vogt of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Chief Mark A. Magaw of the Prince George's County Police Department.

"Maryland's Child Exploitation Task Force investigates many cases involving juvenile prostitutes and pursues federal prosecution because of the lengthy sentences," said U.S. Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein. "Anyone who transports a juvenile under the age of 18 to engage in prostitution faces a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years in federal prison."

According to his plea agreement, Walker met a 17 year old girl in March of 2012 through a friend who worked at parties hosted by Walker. Walker asked the victim to work for him at a party he was hosting. Walker hosted parties through a company called Quest For Fire. These parties were advertised as sex parties or "gang bangs" on the internet. Interested individuals would text Walker at the cell phone number listed in the ad and Walker would text back the party's location. Guests paid for entry to a residence which would allow them to engage in sexual acts with girls provided by Walker.

In August 2012, Walker rented an apartment for the victim and had her engage in sex acts with guests at his parties. The victim's photo was also posted in ads for the parties on the internet. Walker provided transportation for the victim to the sex parties, which included transportation from Washington, D.C. to Maryland. According to the victim, Walker assaulted her several times. The victim worked for Walker at the parties hosted in Prince George's

County from April 1 to September 15, 2012, while she was 17 years old.

As part of his plea agreement, Walker must register as a sex offender in the place where he resides, where he is an employee, and where he is a student, under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA).

Walker faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison, and a maximum of life in prison, followed by up to lifetime supervised release. U.S. District Judge Peter J. Messitte scheduled sentencing for August 14, 2013.

The case was investigated by the FBI-led Maryland Child Exploitation Task Force (MCETF), which was created in 2010 to combat child prostitution, and includes members from 10 state and federal law enforcement agencies. The Task Force coordinates with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Maryland State Police Child Recovery Unit to identify missing children being advertised online for prostitution.

MCETF partners with the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force, formed in 2007 to discover and rescue victims of human trafficking while identifying and prosecuting offenders. Members include federal, state and local law enforcement, as well as victim service providers and local community members. For more information about the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force, please visit www.justice.gov/usao/md/Human-Trafficking/index.html.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein commended the FBI and Prince George's County Police Department for their work in the investigation. Mr. Rosenstein thanked Special Assistant U.S. Attorney LisaMarie Freitas of the U.S. Justice Department, Criminal Division, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section and Assistant U.S. Attorney Kristi O'Malley, who are prosecuting the case.

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