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ATLANTIC CITY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TRANSPORTING MINORS FOR WORK AS PROSTITUTES

CAMDEN, N.J. – A child sex trafficker pleaded guilty today to transporting two minor girls across state lines in support of a prostitution enterprise he ran in Atlantic City, N.J., United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Javon Gordon, 28, a.k.a. "Teflon," of Atlantic City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Robert B. Kugler to two counts of a superseding Indictment charging him with transporting the minors across state lines to work as prostitutes for him.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in Camden federal court:

Gordon admitted that from September 2007 until July 2008, he operated a prostitution enterprise in and around Atlantic City, New Jersey. Gordon acted as a "pimp," employing both minor girls and adult women to work for him as prostitutes. He admitted to controlling the activities of the women and girls working for him, including requiring them to give him any money they made from preforming sexual acts on customers.

Three minor girls recruited by Gordon solicited prostitution clients on the streets and in the casinos of Atlantic City as well as on the Internet. Gordon used a digital camera to take naked, partially-naked and sexually-suggestive pictures of the minor girls, then posted the images on various websites, including Craigslist and others, in an effort to advertise prostitution services. Gordon also used Craigslist to assist in his efforts to recruit girls to work for him as prostitutes.

Gordon also admitted to traveling from the Atlantic City area to Philadelphia in order to pick up a minor girl and bring her back to Atlantic City to work as a prostitute. In addition, Gordon admitted to transporting an adult female and a minor girl between the Boston and Atlantic City areas to work as prostitutes.

Each count of the transportation of minors for the purpose of prostitution carries a maximum statutory penalty of life in prison and a mandatory minimum statutory penalty of 10 years in prison. Each count also carries a maximum fine of \$250,000 and a mandatory minimum term of 5 years of supervised release. Gordon is scheduled to be sentenced on November 22, 2010.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited special agents of the FBI's Atlantic City Resident Agency, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Michael B. Ward in Newark, the New Jersey State Police, and the West Deptford Township Police Department with the investigation

leading to today's guilty plea.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jason M. Richardson and Matthew T. Smith of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Camden.

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