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Man Found Guilty Of Compelling Women To Engage In Prostitution - Second Defendant Convicted of Having Role in the Crimes -

WASHINGTON - Glynn Neal, 30, was found guilty today by a jury in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia of compelling two North Carolina women to engage in prostitution through the use of threats, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Neal, of Washington, D.C., was convicted of charges of pandering, procuring, compelling a person to live a life of prostitution against her will, felony threats, and obstruction of justice. He is to be sentenced before the Honorable Judge Lynn Leibovitz on March 31, 2011 and faces approximately 148 to 212 months incarceration under voluntary sentencing guidelines.

A co-defendant, Ashley Neal, 23, Glynn Neal's cousin, was found guilty of pandering and assault for her involvement in the prostitution scheme. Her sentencing is set for March 18, 2011.

According to the government's evidence, during May 2010, Neal and the two victims drove to Washington, D.C. from North Carolina to visit Neal's aunt and other family members, including Ashley Neal. One victim was Neal's girlfriend at the time; he had met her on a chatline in North Carolina a few months earlier. The second victim was the girlfriend's friend.

Soon after arriving in Washington, Neal insisted that the women prostitute themselves. According to the government's evidence, he set the rules and insisted that he be given the profits. Neal, in all regards, acted as their pimp. Over the course of the month of May 2010, Neal accompanied the victims as they walked the streets, set up dates, and posted an ad on Craigslist.

Neal regularly threatened both women that he would kill them or "beat them bloody" if they did not follow his rules or refused to engage in prostitution. Ashley Neal aided and abetted the scheme by preparing the women to go out and encouraging them to engage in prostitution.

Neal's girlfriend called the police on May 28, 2010. Neal called her a few days later and threatened again to "beat her bloody" if she appeared in court. The defendant was found guilty of obstruction of justice for making that threat.

In announcing the jury's verdicts, U.S. Attorney Machen praised the work of the Metropolitan Police Department personnel who worked on the case, including MPD Detectives Lenard Jenkins, Steven Schwalm, and Jose Solloso and MPD Sergeant Brett Parson. He also praised the work of Paralegal Eugena Johnson, Legal Assistant Nicole Lee and Litigation Support Specialist Anisha Bhatia, all from the U.S. Attorney's Office. He acknowledged the efforts of Victim Advocate Meshall Thomas, who worked closely with both women and their families.

Finally, he commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Ari Redbord, who investigated and prosecuted the case.

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