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SEX TRAFFICKER OF MINOR GIRLS SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR 17 YEARS

Pressley Advertised Girls for Sex on Internet

ATLANTA, GA - CHRISTOPHER PRESSLEY, 27, of College Park, Georgia, also known as "Daddy," "CP," "C-Peezy," "CP the Young Don," "The Don," "Super Swag Shawty," and "Papi," was sentenced today by United States District Judge Richard W. Story to serve 17 years in federal prison on charges of coercion and enticement of minors to engage in sexual activity.

United States Attorney Sally Quillian Yates said of the case, "This defendant was exploiting underage girls and literally selling them on the internet as adult prostitutes. This kind of criminal exploitation robs our children of their innocence and poisons our community. W will continue to aggressively prosecute these predators and send them to federal prison."

Brian D. Lamkin, Special Agent in Charge, FBI Atlanta Division, stated: "The exploitation of other human beings through threats and intimidation is despicable in its own right, but when the victims are minors, the predators have taken their crimes to a new level of depravity. While the criminals are increasingly utilizing the cyber arena in furtherance of these crimes, to include those that would exploit or prey on our community's children, so too is the law enforcement community in identifying, investigating, and prosecuting these individuals."

PRESSLEY was sentenced to 17 years in prison to be followed by 5 years of supervised release, and ordered to undergo drug, alcohol and sexual rehabilitation. He was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$60,400 to the victims. PRESSLEY pleaded guilty to the charges on June 10, 2010. There is no parole in the federal system.

According to United States Attorney Yates, the charges and other information presented in court: On February 20, 2009, the Metro Atlanta Child Exploitation Task Force ("MATCH," which uses the letters from "Metro Atlanta Child") established an undercover operation at a hotel in the Northern District of Georgia, for the purpose of rescuing minors

being caused to engage in prostitution. An undercover task force officer made a date for sex with a girl based upon her advertisement found in the erotic services section of "Craigslist." The girl, advertised as "Mya" and 19, who appeared naked in the advertisement, looked underage. Upon arriving at the hotel, "Mya" met with the undercover agent, made an offer of prostitution services, and was arrested. Investigators subsequently identified "Mya" as a 16 year-old child. The advertisement of "Mya" had been placed on the Internet website by another individual at the direction of PRESSLEY. PRESSLEY knew that "Mya" was a minor, having known the child since she was 15 years old.

In September 2008, Atlanta Police were called to Grady Hospital regarding a 17-year old female who had come to the hospital for treatment. Investigation into the erotic services section of Craigslist.com revealed that beginning in April 2009, a photograph of this minor was located posting sexual services in Atlanta by PRESSLEY. At the time of the postings, the girl was 17 years old.

This case is being brought as part of the Innocence Lost National Initiative. In June 2003, the Attorney General, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and the FBI launched this initiative to address the growing problem of domestic sex trafficking of children in the United States. The MATCH Task Force marshals federal, state and local resources to apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via sex trafficking. For more information about the Innocence Lost National Initiative, please visit www.fbi.gov/innolost.htm.

This case was investigated by the MATCH Task Force, which is comprised of officers and special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Atlanta Police Department, the Gwinnett County Police Department, the Sandy Springs Police Department, and the Marietta Police Department. Additional assistance in this case was provided by other officers of the Atlanta Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorney Zahra S. Karinshak prosecuted the case.

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