

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
Middle District of Florida

United States of America
v.
JAMEL MULDREW

Case No. 8:21-mj-1396 AEP

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of April 9, 2021 in the county of Hillsborough in the
Middle District of Florida, the defendant(s) violated:

Table with 2 columns: Code Section, Offense Description. Rows include 18 U.S.C. § 1591(a) Sex trafficking of a minor, 18 U.S.C. § 2421(a) Interstate transportation of a person to engage in prostitution or unlawful sexual activity and 18 U.S.C § 2422(a) Enticement of a person to travel interstate for prosecution or unlawful sexual activity.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit.

Continued on the attached sheet.

Complainant's signature
William J. Williger, HSI Special Agent
Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 4/22/21

Judge's signature
ANTHONY E. PORCELLI, U.S. MAGISTRATE
Printed name and title

City and state: Tampa, Florida

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, William J. Williger, being duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. I have been employed as a Special Agent (SA) with the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), since December of 2006. I am currently assigned to HSI Tampa.

2. As a Special Agent with HSI, I am a federal law enforcement officer as described in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2510(7). I am assigned to the Human Exploitation Group, which is responsible for investigating and enforcing violations of federal law. Specifically, I am responsible for investigating matters involving the exploitation and human trafficking of adults and minors, including violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1591, and am authorized to make arrests for violations of federal law.

3. As a Special Agent, I have completed a 26-week academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, which certified me to be a criminal investigator. I have also been directly involved in federal investigations and have assisted other agents in conducting investigations, including joint, interagency investigations. In my investigative experience, I have conducted physical surveillance, executed search warrants, and reviewed recordings, including recordings of individuals involved with human trafficking. I have interviewed witnesses, victims, and worked with cooperating individuals.

4. I am currently assigned to the Tampa Bay Human Trafficking Task Force (TBHTTF), which is a local, state, and federal multi-agency task force devoted to combating human trafficking, which includes commercial sex trafficking. As part of my duties, I have participated in the commercial-sex-trafficking investigation of Jamel MULDREW. I submit

this affidavit in support of an application for a criminal complaint. As set forth below, probable cause exists that MULDREW had violated 18 U.S.C. § 1591(a) (sex trafficking of a minor), 18 U.S.C. § 2421(a) (interstate transportation of a person to engage in prostitution or unlawful sexual activity), and 18 U.S.C § 2422(a) (enticement of a person to travel interstate for prosecution or unlawful sexual activity). Because this affidavit is being submitted in support of a criminal complaint, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation. Rather, I have set forth only the facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause that MULDREW has violated the above-mentioned statutes.

PROBABLE CAUSE

5. On or about April 9, 2021, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) conducted a Human Trafficking Operation located at the Courtyard by Marriott, 12730 Citrus Park Lane, Tampa, Florida, which is in the Middle District of Florida. The purpose of the operation was to identify victims of human trafficking, execute a rescue of those victims, and identify and arrest their traffickers. During the operation, an HCSO detective, who is also a Task Force Officer (TFO) with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), operated in an undercover capacity. The TFO observed what appeared to be a young female in an online escort website called MegaPersonals, who could possibly be a victim of human trafficking. MegaPersonals is known by law enforcement as a popular online platform commonly used to advertise individuals for commercial sex acts and specifically displays sex workers and trafficked victims.

6. On or about April 9, 2021, the TFO used an undercover number to contact the female by text message, at the number listed in the MegaPersonals advertisement. The TFO

requested a two-hour outcall.¹ The female responded by saying: “It’s 800 baby??” They agreed on the price of \$800.00 and the TFO provided the address and room number for Courtyard by Marriot—the undercover operation’s location.

7. On or about April 9, 2021, law-enforcement officers observed a black Chevrolet Impala bearing Georgia tag CDB3433 arrive in the Marriott parking lot. Officers saw a male appearing to be Hispanic or a lighter-skinned African American in the driver seat and a female matching the description of the person advertised on MegaPersonals. The female exited the car and entered the hotel. The female knocked on the room number provided by the TFO and entered the TFO’s room. They briefly spoke and then law enforcement officers detained the female for suspicion of prostitution. She was identified as N.P., a 17-year-old female. She informed law enforcement of her age, which was also confirmed through law enforcement databases.

8. HCSO’s surveillance team saw the male driver relocate the Impala to a nearby mall. He left the car and walked into the mall while texting on his cell phone. At the same time, HCSO detectives observed incoming text messages on N.P.’s phone saying: “You good...?...You got me nervous... You ain’t saying shit...Hellloooo” over various texts. Based on the male’s actions and the above-detailed text messages, law enforcement officers attempted to stop the male.

9. As law enforcement contacted the male, he attempted to flee toward his car but was successfully apprehended and taken into custody for violating state law statute 796.07(2)(d) for Transportation in Support of Prostitution. The male was identified as Jamel

¹ Based on my training and experience, an “outcall” refers to a sex worker traveling “out” to have sex with a client. In contrast, an “incall” involves the client traveling to meet the sex worker at a location where the sex worker resides or otherwise has designated.

MULDREW. A search of MULDREW's person incident to arrest revealed the following: \$2,498.00 in cash; MULDREW's Texas driver's license; a Texas driver's license bearing a photo of MULDREW's face utilizing the fictitious name of "Ricardo Sanchez"; two drivers licenses with photos that appear to be N.P., but listing the fictitious names of "M.R." and "Zaniyah PEREZ," and a purported social security card belonging to a "Zaniyah Perez." MULDREW was arrested and was transported to the Hillsborough County Jail for Human Trafficking of a minor under state statute 787.06(3)(g), Transportation, and Deriving Proceeds in Support of Prostitution, 796.05.

10. At this time, N.P. was offered victim services commonly offered to sex trafficking victims, which she ultimately accepted. Detectives and a victim advocate interviewed N.P.

11. N.P. stated that she was from Texas. She denied that MULDREW was her trafficker, but said he knew that when he dropped her off at the hotel, she was going to the hotel room to commit commercial sex acts. She further stated that the white cell phone the detectives seized from her, and currently had in their possession, was her work phone and that she had another personal cell phone. Throughout the interview, N.P. referred to MULDREW as "Rashaad" and "Jamel" interchangeably. She reported that she originally met MULDREW in Houston, Texas. At that time, he offered her "exotic" bud (marijuana) that she could not find on her own.

12. N.P. recalled that MULDREW drove the Impala from Texas to Florida, while she rode a Greyhound bus separately. N.P. added, "we planned to go out of town" and indicated that MULDREW paid for her bus ticket. When the detective asked N.P. why they travelled separately, she responded and paraphrased what MULDREW told her: "he's

[MULDREW's] had this conversation with me, like 'even though we're from Texas they see us out here and they catch me with an underage...they automatically going to think its sex trafficking. I'm 32 you're 17...'"

13. N.P. admitted that she had used the fake identities "M.R." and "Zaniyah PEREZ," found on MULDREW's person. "M.R." is N.P.'s sister. The detective asked how much money she gives MULDREW from her "dates" and she responded by saying: "I slide him a couple bucks." The detective asked N.P. elaborate and N.P. stated that MULDREW takes less than half the money she makes from "dates." The detective asked specifically how much of the \$800 "date" money would MULDREW have taken if the commercial sex act arranged with the TFO had actually occurred, N.P. responded, "no more than 300." N.P. admitted that she checks in with MULDREW through text message before she starts a "date" by saying "start" or "in," and then communicates with him when it is over by texting him "done." N.P. stated that MULDREW sometimes waits in the parking lot during her "dates."

14. On or about April 20, 2021, law-enforcement officers conducted a follow up interview with N.P. N.P. confirmed that, on or about February 18, 2021, MULDREW drove her to the Greyhound bus station in Houston, Texas. N.P. further stated that MULDREW bought the bus ticket, handed her the ticket, and that she got on the bus by herself. N.P. said she believed the ticket was in the name of the fake identity "M.R." N.P. confirmed that she rode the bus to Newark, New Jersey, where she met MULDREW. Investigators asked N.P. to confirm the locations that she and MULDREW travelled for her to "work" and she responded: New Jersey, Maryland, North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

15. On or about April 9, 2021, the night of the operation, law-enforcement officers secured a search warrant for MULDREW's Impala that he was driving, and which was

submitted and signed by Hillsborough County Judge Mark Kiser under case number 2021-CF-004260. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed a rose gold iPhone, a parking pass, marijuana, and a gold MacBook computer. These items were seized and placed into evidence. Additionally, a search warrant for MULDREW's hotel room was also submitted and signed by Hillsborough County Judge Mark Kiser. A search of the hotel room revealed an iPhone, believed to be N.P.'s personal phone, identification and social security cards belonging to other individuals, an Allcatel cell phone, and what appeared to be human teeth in a baggie. These items were seized and placed into evidence.

16. During the operation, both N.P. and MULDREW had cell phones on their person that were seized. MULDREW's phone was a grey Apple iPhone 12, and N.P.'s phone was a white iPhone SE. On or about April 10, 2021, search warrants for MULDREW's phone and N.P.'s phones were submitted and signed by Hillsborough County Judge Mark Kiser, under case number 2021-CF-004260. HSI forensic analysts subsequently searched and analyzed both phones.

17. N.P.'s phone was assigned phone number 908-XXX-2850. MULDREW'S phone was assigned two phone numbers: 701-XXX-3567 and 704-XXX-2946.² Additionally, MULDREW's had an application installed called Textfree which allowed the phone to appear as though it was assigned a different phone number, which in this case was 318-XXX-5378.³

18. Agents discovered a substantial amount of communication between MULDREW and N.P. on the devices. The below is a small sampling of the conversation

² Based on my training and experience, two numbers being used on the same device suggests that SIM cards were switched in and out of the phone at some point.

³ Textfree is an application that allows users to text and call over the internet for free or for a cost and each account gets a new phone number.

between N.P. and MULDREW, ranging from on or about March 7, 2021, to on or about April 9, 2021.

- a. On or about March 3, 2021, N.P. messaged MULDREW: “Of you actually doing right by me, sticking to pimping...& not trying to manipulate me in any TINY was Bc of my age & the stuff I’m not able to do bc of it.”
- b. On or about March 7, 2021, N.P. wrote: “I got 200 cash. Cashapping u 100” and “He wanna be here the whole hour.” MULDREW responded: “Ho idgaf [I don’t give a fuck] what he wants” and “When he nuts it’s a wrap[.]” Two minutes later, MULDREW said: “So did you fuck him already?” then, “aight handle ya business ma. Don’t let that mf be fuckin on you all this time. Y’all been fuckkn 20 minutes now.”
- c. On or about March 9, 2021, MULDREW told N.P.: “If I didn’t want to Pimp then I wouldn’t Mercedes. I got 7 years in Mercedes...”⁴
- d. On or about March 10, 2021, MULDREW said: “No texts or call from that other city yet...Mega won’t come up I think site is temporarily down..., Get up at 730.” N.P. responded: “okay daddy.” On the same day, MULDREW sent N.P. a paragraph to use for a sex site, which began: “My name is Zulema Your ultimate Dreamgirl!...”
- e. On or about March 11, 2021, MULDREW sent N.P. a text saying: “How the line looking[.]” Based on my training and experience, this line likely refers to sex customers responding to N.P.’s advertisement. MULDREW continued:

⁴ As N.P. reported in her interview, the name “Mercedes” is a nickname MULDREW used for N.P. This was confirmed by other law enforcement sources.

“Thinking bout going to Atlanta” then, “I had known it was this slow we wouldn’t have came lol[.]” N.P. responded: “Can I rest now daddy[.]” Later the same day MULDREW said: “I still can’t believe that bitch 16” and “You Lil hoes be looking grown[.]”

- f. On or about March 16, 2021, MULDREW told N.P.: “Man ain’t nothing realer when it’s real between a Pimp and a Ho[.]” N.P. later asked MULDREW: “Can I have some food ordered daddy” and continued to ask permission.
- g. On or about March 28, 2021, N.P. texted MULDREW about a customer who didn’t want to leave after the sex act. MULDREW responded: “Do I need to come in there” and “Bitch you got me fucked up” then, “Bitch you better answer my call[.]”
- h. On or about April 3, 2021, N.P. texted MULDREW: “I took a pause cz I went & out a sponge in cz he seen blood on the rubber and had got on soft so I changed condom[.]”⁵
- i. On or about April 5, 2021, MULDREW asked N.P. how she felt. N.P. responded: “empty” and “Learning to not mix my feelings with this here game[.]” She then said she was “[s]ore but fine daddy[.]” MULDREW responded: “Do you with you would have left when I was taking you earlier[.]” Approximately three hours later, N.P. took a picture of herself at the pool and sent it to MULDREW. He responded: “I want you to start working

⁵ Based on my training and experience, human trafficking victims are often forced by their trafficker to “work” while they are on their menstrual cycle in order to keep making money and they are told to insert a sponge into their vagina in an effort to conceal their period from sex buyers.

out...I want you on a strict diet too for a while...I don't want to see you with no juice or soda for a week."

- j. On or about April 7, 2021, N.P. asked "Whats wrong daddy?" and MULDREW responded, "Just want to Pimp good[.]"
- k. On or about April 8, 2021, MULDREW said: "Nothing changed but the certainty of whether you're my Ho. I really do fuck witcha. But my loyalty is going unmatched. The Game is being misrepresented. And I'm so bothered by how you've been treating me despite my everyday risk." N.P. responded "...Are you just breaking on me for the money?..." (summarized text).
- l. On or about April 9, 2021, MULDREW asked over multiple texts : "You got anything that you need to tell me that you haven't...This is the only chance I'm giving you so you better be honest...I do not ask questions I do not know answers to...so don't blow it." N.P. responded, "Um Yeah I had that same incident happen again where my denture poked a small hoe at the end of the rubber last night and idk until he finished i seen cum exploding out that small hole . So I made em bring back a plan b."
- m. On or about April 9, 2021, approximately four hours later, N.P. said "Rr[.]" Based on my review of their conversations, "Rr" is something she would send when was using the restroom. MULDREW responded: "Bitch I told you no more restrooms...So sick of repeating myself...Bitch you think I'm playing."

19. There are approximately 122 messages during the period from on or about March 7, 2021, to on or about April 9, 2021, where N.P. texted MULDREW "start" or "starting", indicating that a "date" had started. N.P. also reported "done" to MULDREW.

Approximately 31 of those text messages discussed that the sex buyer was going to “CashApp” the money from the commercial sex act. Most of the other “dates” mentioned that the sex buyer paid in cash. The communications also evidenced that when the sex buyers used CashApp, they sent the money directly to MULDREW, who would then message N.P. that he had received the money; indicating that she could begin servicing the sex buyer.

20. Further cell phone analysis of MULDREW’s phone revealed an image that was taken on April 9, 2021, of the undercover TFO inside the room at the Courtyard Marriot. N.P. had sent the photograph to MULDREW’s phone. Furthermore, at least two of the exact photographs observed by the undercover detective on N.P.’s Megapersonals advertisement were also found in MULDREW’s phone.

21. Records from Hertz Rent-a-Car showed that the same rental vehicle MULDREW was in possession of when he was arrested, a black Chevy Impala bearing Georgia tag CDB3433, had been rented by him since on or about January 26, 2021 until the day of his arrest.

22. MULDREW’s phone revealed that on or about February 17 and 18, 2021, multiple browser searches were conducted for “What is the maximum amount of baggage you can carry on a greyhound bus” and “greyhound phone number to buy ticket.”

23. Documents produced by Greyhound Inc. reveal that on or about February 18, 2020, a female named “M.R.” boarded a Greyhound bus at Houston, Texas and arrived in Newark, New Jersey on or about February 20, 2021. As detailed above, N.P. stated she had used the fake identity of M.R. to travel from Texas. Moreover, a fake identification card in that name was recovered from MULDREW.

24. On or about February 21, 2021, the black Chevy Impala bearing Georgia tag CDB3433 was recorded on a license plate reader in Newark, New Jersey. On that same date, N.P. had been posted on Listcrawler/EscortAlligator,⁶ under the North Jersey, New Jersey location. The sex ad displayed pictures of N.P. and advertised her contact phone number as 908-XXX-9850, which is the same phone number the undercover detectives used to contact N.P. for the operation and the same number assigned to N.P.'s phone. Additional sex advertisements of N.P. bearing that phone number were found posted on or about February 22, 24, 25 of 2021, in the Newark, New Jersey area. On those dates, the license plate CDB3433 was again recorded on license plate readers at various locations in Newark, New Jersey.

25. A text message recovered in MULDREW's phone showed that on or about March 5, 2021, MULDREW had sent N.P. an address in Baltimore, Maryland so that she could perform an "out call."⁷ On the same date, N.P. had been advertised on AdultSearch,⁸ under the Baltimore, Maryland location. The sex ad displayed pictures of N.P. and advertised her known contact phone number as 908-XXX-9850.

26. On or about March 6, 2021, a text message in MULDREW's phone showed that MULDREW had sent N.P. an address to travel to so she could perform an "out call." The address was in Knightdale, North Carolina. On or about March 10, 2021, N.P. was found posted on AdultSearch under the Charlotte, North Carolina area. The sex ad displayed pictures of N.P. and advertised her known contact phone number as 908-XXX-9850. On or

⁶ Based on my training and experience, Listcrawler/EscortAlligator is an on-line advertisement website known to advertise sex workers and human trafficked victims.

⁷ Based upon their interactions over text message, and my training and experience, it was clear that the information exchanged was in reference to an "outcall."

⁸ Based on my training and experience, AdultSearch is an on-line advertisement website known to advertise sex workers and human trafficked victims.

about March 16, 2021, the license plate CDB3433 was recorded on a license plate reader located in Charlotte, North Carolina.

27. On or about March 29, 2021, the license plate CDB3433 was recorded on a license plate reader located in Sandy Springs, Georgia. On that same date, March 29, 2021, N.P. had been posted on Listcrawler/EscortAlligator under the Atlanta, Georgia location. The sex ad displayed pictures of N.P. and advertised her known contact phone number as 908-XXX-9850.

28. On or about April 5, 2021, N.P. had been advertised on Megapersonals in the Tampa, Florida area. The sex ad displayed pictures of N.P. and advertised her known contact phone number as 908-XXX-9850. On or about April 5, 2021, both MULDREW and N.P. were observed on video in the lobby at the Extended Stay of America, located at 1805 North Westshore Blvd., Tampa, Florida, 33607. Hotel records also confirmed that MULDREW had rented room 138 beginning on that date.

29. On or about April 9, 2021, the day of the undercover operation, MULDREW and N.P. were again observed on video at the Extended Stay of America.

CONCLUSION

30. Based upon the above information, probable cause exists that Jamel MULDREW has committed violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1591(a) (sex trafficking of a minor), 18 U.S.C. § 2421(a) (interstate transportation of a person to engage in prostitution or unlawful sexual activity), and 18 U.S.C § 2422(a) (enticement of a person to travel interstate for prosecution or unlawful sexual activity). Thus, I respectfully request that this court authorize a criminal complaint and arrest warrant for Jamel MULDREW.

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone on April 2nd, 2021.



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Homeland Security Investigations



HONORABLE ANTHONY E. PORCELLI

United States Magistrate Judge