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SIX MINNEAPOLIS MEN SENTENCED AS PART OF INTERSTATE PROSTITUTION RING

St. Louis, MO - Six members of the so-called "Evans Family" from Minneapolis, Minnesota, were sentenced in U.S. District Court in St. Louis after earlier pleas of guilty to charges involving an interstate prostitution ring.

Six other members of the family were convicted last month by a jury in federal court on money laundering and charges relating to the movement of females interstate for purposes of prostitution.

Gary Washington was sentenced to 24 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to conspiracy to transport individuals in interstate commerce with the intent that such individuals engage in prostitution, and to knowingly transport an individual less than 18 years of age in interstate commerce with the intent that such individual engage in prostitution.

Washington, along with Philip Loyd, persuaded and transported three teenage females from Minneapolis to St. Louis, where they went to work for an escort service and performed acts of prostitution. One of the females was 16 years old, with Washington serving as her pimp and receiving the proceeds of her prostitution. At one point, the 16 year old left the Washington, choosing Kiowan Evans as her pimp. Kiowan Evans promised Washington compensation for taking the 16-year-old.

Philip Loyd was sentenced to 46 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to conspiring to transport an individual in interstate commerce with the intent that such individual engage in prostitution.

Loyd conspired with others and members of the Evans family to transport females in interstate commerce for the purpose of prostitution. Loyd and another drove three females (including a 16 year old) from Minneapolis, to St. Louis, where they met up with Kiowan Evans in a motel complex. Loyd and another began pimping the girls and found them jobs with an escort service, where they committed acts of prostitution.

Kiowan Evans was sentenced to 27 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to transporting an individual in interstate commerce with the intent that such individual engage in prostitution.

Evans transported several adult females from Minneapolis to St. Louis. Once in St.

Louis, the females went to work for escort services and engaged in prostitution. Evans served as their pimp and the females gave him all of their proceeds. In the course of Evans' prostitution business, he recruited and used a 16-year-old as a prostitute in St. Louis and recruited and used a 16-year-old as a prostitute in Minneapolis.

Shuntel Martin was sentenced to 37 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to knowingly conspiring to transport an individual in interstate commerce with the intent that such individual engage in prostitution.

Martin conspired with others and members of the Evans family to transport a female in interstate commerce for the purpose of prostitution. Martin recruited a 14-year-old to work as a prostitute, with Martin serving as her pimp. Martin transported the 14-year-old to Wisconsin and Las Vegas to perform acts of prostitution.

Clem Williams was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to inducing a female to travel in interstate commerce for the purpose of prostitution.

Williams persuaded and transported a female from Minneapolis to St. Louis. Once in St. Louis, the female worked for an escort service where she performed acts of prostitution, with Williams serving as her pimp. Williams also served as pimp for an adult female in Minneapolis, during which time he physically assaulted the adult female.

Angelo Love was sentenced to 41 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to inducing and persuading a female to travel in interstate commerce with the intent she work as a prostitute. Love transported an adult female in interstate commerce from Las Vegas, Nevada to St. Louis. The female worked for escort services and performed acts of prostitution, with Love serving as her pimp and receiving the proceeds of the prostitution. Love also transported a 16-year-old in interstate commerce between Texas and Minnesota and Washington, serving as her pimp and providing her services for massage parlors and escort services. Love physically assaulted the 16-year-old as a means of controlling her.

This case was investigated by the Maryland Heights Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Minneapolis, Minnesota Police Department. Assistant United States Attorneys Howard J. Marcus and Donald G. Wilkerson handled the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.