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### **TWO AREA MEN SENTENCED TO PRISON ON FEDERAL JUVENILE PROSTITUTION CHARGE**

*First ever in the Eastern District of Missouri for sex trafficking of children under the  
Trafficking Victims Protection Act*

St. Louis, MO - Darrill Gray was sentenced today to 60 months, on federal charges involving the prostitution of a juvenile. Co-defendant, John Lee Geiler, Jr. was sentenced to 45 months prison on August 17.

Between January 2 and January 15, 2007, John Geiler took a girl under eighteen (Jane Doe) from a motel in Fenton, Missouri, to Jefferson County, Missouri, where Geiler provided the victim with crack cocaine. Geiler later took the victim to locations in Jefferson County and St. Louis to work as a prostitute. Geiler ultimately took the victim to the 5100 block of Robin in St. Louis, a street known for crack sales and prostitution. Once there, the victim was turned over to Darrill Gray so that she could work as a prostitute to pay off a drug debt to Geiler. Darrill Gray then provided the victim with crack and kept her in his house while she worked as a prostitute. The victim wanted to leave and Gray attempted to prevent her from leaving his house. The victim left with a subject that agreed to provide Gray with crack cocaine. The victim was then taken to a shelter.

Geiler, Jefferson County, MO, pled guilty last May to one felony count of conspiracy to commit sex trafficking of an individual under the age of 18 years of age. Gray, 51, St. Louis, pled guilty to the same charge on April 26, 2007. Both defendants appeared before United States District Judge Jean Hamilton.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, and the U.S. Attorney's Human Trafficking Task Force. Assistant United States Attorney Howard Marcus handled the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.