

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TALLAHASSEE DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO.:14cr48-MW

DEREK LAMAR REDDICK
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STATEMENT OF FACTS

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and the Defendant provide this factual basis for the acceptance of a guilty plea from the Defendant. This Statement of Facts does not contain each and every fact relating to the commission of the offenses charged in the Second Superseding Indictment in the captioned case, but is instead a recitation of those facts necessary to provide a factual basis for the Defendant's plea of guilty.

In January, 2014, Tallahassee Police investigators began an investigation regarding sex trafficking of underage girls advertised on the Internet site "backpage.com" for prostitution activities. The advertisements contained photographs of girls in provocative poses who appeared to be under age with a telephone contact number.

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On January 27, 2014, investigators responded to a tip regarding an underage girl (under the name "Lexi") engaged in prostitution in Tallahassee, Florida. An undercover investigator made contact with "Lexi" via the contact number on the "backpage.com" advertisement to meet at a Super 8 motel in Tallahassee.

At the Super 8, investigators encountered two persons (identified as Derek Lamar Reddick and Christine Thurman) leaving a room adjacent to the room where the undercover investigator had arranged to meet "Lexi." Reddick and Thurman left the motel property. "Lexi" (identified as I.F.) was a seventeen-year-old girl from South Florida, who stated she was staying in the adjacent room with Reddick and Thurman and was posing as "Lexi" to meet clients responding to the "backpage.com" advertisements.

A search of the two motel rooms revealed evidence that I.F. was involved in prostitution, along with evidence connecting I.F. to Reddick and Thurman. Investigators obtained documentation indicating the motel rooms had been paid for in cash and were registered to Reddick and Thurman. In the room where I.F. was recovered, investigators located baby wipes, packages of condoms, and a soiled condom. During the search of the other room investigators recovered I.F.'s personal belongings, including

identification and clothing, clothing and personal items belonging to Reddick and Thurman, a wadded-up piece of paper found in the trash can, and a debit card ending in x5033.

The debit card ending in x5033 had been used as payment for I.F.'s January 26, 2014, "backpage.com" advertisement (posted the day before she was recovered), and for a "backpage.com" advertisement soliciting escort services featuring Thurman (under the alias "Redd").

The wadded-up piece of paper contained notations and dates in January 2014, under which dollar amounts (from \$100 to \$200) were listed along with dollar amount totals for each date. Inside I.F.'s journal were notations of phone numbers, time durations, and dollar amounts earned for "incalls" or "outcalls." Pages documented activity in "TALLY" and "PCB Panama City BEACH," after which billing rates for prostitution services were listed: "\$75-15 min, \$100-30 min and \$160-1Hr," "\$50-15 min, \$85-30 min, and \$130-1 Hr." Investigators calculated the journal documented several thousands of dollars from multiple sexual contacts by I.F.

Investigators examined "backpage.com" account information for advertisements relating to both "Lexi" and "Redd." The first "Lexi" "backpage.com" advertisement posted on November 23, 2013. Prior to the

posting of the “Lexi” advertisements, an account had been created to post ads under the alias “Tim Red.” Identifying information was provided to create the account, including a physical address in Thomasville, Georgia, and an email address: gosierc@yahoo.com. The physical address was identical to the address listed on the Georgia driver’s license of Timothy Gosier. The email address was subscribed to Gosier’s sister and was an email account investigators determined was regularly used by Gosier. Records showed the posting of thirteen (13) different advertisements for I.F., of which numerous updates or modifications were made between November 2013, and January 2014. Many of the advertisements contained photographs showing I.F. either nude or partially nude and were lewd in nature.

In late December 2013, the “backpage.com” account name for “Lexi” was changed from “Tim Red” to “Derrick Reddick.” Six more lewd advertisements featuring I.F. were posted between December 24 and December 27, 2013. The account name was then changed multiple times from “Derrick Reddick” to other names believed to be aliases, including “Derrick Adams,” “Pat Smith,” and “Chris Frederick.” The contact number listed on “Lexi” advertisements from January 16 through January 26, 2014, was a cellular telephone subscribed to Reddick.

Payment for the advertisements featuring I.F. was made using prepaid debit cards similar to the one found during the January 26, 2014, search of the Super 8 motel room when I.F. was recovered. These debit cards (frequently GreenDot-type) were connected to Gosier, Reddick, or Thurman. Specifically:

- November 23, 2013 – An I.F. “backpage.com” advertisement was paid by GreenDot prepaid card ending in x3007. This card was opened using Gosier’s social security number (“SSN”) ending in x0599 and home telephone number; the same card was later used by Gosier as payment for a vehicle rental from a Thomasville, Georgia car dealership from January 3 through 20, 2014.
- November 26, 2013 – An I.F. “backpage.com” advertisement was paid by GreenDot prepaid card ending in x1803. This card was opened using the name “Tim Red,” listing Gosier’s birthdate, home address, and SSN.
- December 4-6, 2013 – An I.F. “backpage.com” advertisements was paid by GreenDot prepaid card ending in x6987. This card was opened listing Thurman’s cellular number (found as the contact number for her “Redd” “backpage.com” advertisements).

- December 24, 2013 – An I.F. “backpage.com” advertisement was paid by GreenDot prepaid card ending in x0318. This card was opened using Reddick’s SSN ending in x6859 and birthdate.
- January 16, 2014 – An I.F. “backpage.com” advertisement was paid by GreenDot prepaid card ending in x9296. This card was used to pay for Thurman’s “Redd” “backpage.com” advertisements on January 15 and 17, 2014, and was used by Gosier to pay for vehicle rentals on January 13, 16, and 17, 2014.

As noted above, GreenDot payment documents showed that Gosier used a GreenDot card (ending in x3007) to pay for a vehicle rental from January 3, 2014, through January 20, 2014, in Thomasville. That vehicle was used by Gosier and Reddick to transport I.F. from Thomasville to locations in the Northern District of Florida where she engaged in acts of prostitution facilitated by “backpage.com” advertisements.

Investigators identified internet protocol (IP) addresses from where the “Lexi” backpage.com advertisements were posted, including motel locations where I.F. engaged in acts of prostitution and locations connected to Thurman, Reddick, and Gosier. Specifically:

- November 23, 2013 – An I.F. “backpage.com” advertisement was posted from an IP address in Thomasville, Georgia, subscribed to by “P.A.” (Reddick’s brother-in-law).
- November 24, 2013 – An I.F. “backpage.com” advertisement was posted from an IP address which was almost simultaneously used to log onto “Facebook” by Gosier.
- December 2, 2013 –An I.F. “backpage.com” advertisement was posted from an IP address subscribed to Thurman’s mother at physical address listed on Thurman’s driver’s license.
- December 5, 2013 through January 3, 2014 – I.F. “backpage.com” advertisements were posted from an IP address at an EconoLodge in Tallahassee where motel records established that Gosier rented motel rooms on November 23, 2013, and December 5, 2013, through January 2, 2014.
- January 3, 2014 – An I.F. “backpage.com” advertisement was posted from Wi-Fi hotspot in Panama City, where correspondingly Gosier posted on his “Facebook” account a message: “where my Panama City people?”

- January 12, 2014 – An I.F. “backpage.com” advertisement was posted from an IP address at the Coconut Grove motel in Panama City.

On January 3, 2014, I.F. “backpage.com” advertisements were posted for both Panama City and Tallahassee through IP addresses linked to an EconoLodge in Panama City, Florida, and an EconoLodge in Tallahassee.

From January 8 through 13, 2014, I.F.’s “backpage.com” advertisements indicated I.F. would be in Panama City. The postings occurred from two different IP addresses: one at the Summer Breeze Motel, the other the Coconut Grove Motor Inn, both in Panama City. While no room rental records for the defendants were located at the Summer Breeze Motel, it was determined the Summer Breeze Wi-Fi connection is open (that is, not password protected). At the Coconut Grove Motor Inn (which has a password protected Wi-Fi connection for guests only), motel records showed Reddick rented a room from January 11 through January 12, 2014.

The “Lexi” “backpage.com” advertisements in Panama City continued on January 13 and 14, 2014, and then shifted to the Tallahassee area. On January 15, 2014, I.F.’s advertisement listing Reddick’s cellular telephone number as the contact for “Lexi” was posted. This same advertisement (continuing to list Reddick’s cellular number) was updated

several times from January 16 to 26, 2014. On each occasion, the update was posted from the IP address originating at the same Super 8 motel in Tallahassee, Florida, where I.F. was recovered on January 27, 2014.

In May 2014, investigators received another tip regarding an underage girl advertised on "backpage.com." From records provided by "backpage.com," investigators identified the girl ("Kimberly") as a 16-year-old from South Georgia (referred to as "T.K.").

"Backpage.com" account records associated with the "Kimberly" advertisements indicated the account was opened under the name "S.O.," who was identified as an adult prostitute associated with Thurman and Reddick. The first advertisement featuring "Kimberly" posted on May 15, 2014, from an IP address originating at the same Super 8 motel previously identified in the I.F. investigation. The advertisement featured provocative pictures of "Kimberly," along with a contact telephone number and billing rates (*i.e.*, half an hour/ hour sessions), apparently for sexual encounters.

On May 23, 2014, another advertisement featuring "Kimberly" appeared on "backpage.com" indicated that "Kimberly's" was in the North Monroe Street area of Tallahassee. Investigators tracked the movement of the cellular telephone number listed in the "Kimberly" advertisement to the

same Super 8 motel where the "Kimberly" advertisement was posted, and where I.F. had been recovered in January 2014.

During surveillance of the Super 8, investigators observed "Kimberly" leave the Super 8 with two black males. One of the two males left the area alone, while "Kimberly" and the other black male, later identified as Reddick, walked up to and entered room #423 at the LaQuinta Inn (across the street from the Super 8).

Investigators then observed Reddick come out of room #423 alone, and depart in a silver Mercury parked nearby. Investigators followed him. Other investigators observed another male drive into the parking lot of the LaQuinta, get out of his vehicle, and enter room #423. Investigators immediately moved to the door of ~~#423~~ ^{425 D.E.} and knocked. "Kimberly," fully nude, answered the door holding \$120.00. Investigators entered the room and discovered the adult male ("Y.H.") who had just been seen going into the room sitting on one of the beds, also nude. Investigators observed a condom lying on the bed next to Y.H.

"Kimberly" (identified as T.K.) informed investigators she was a sixteen-year-old from South Georgia, who was staying in the room with "Tweety" and a male referred to as "Tweety's" "baby daddy." Investigators

knew "Tweety" to be an alias used by Thurman. T.K. indicated that "baby daddy" left the room just before investigators arrived, and that he was holding her money. T.K. admitted she was "Kimberly," as featured in the "backpage.com" advertisements, and stated that the advertisements were paid for using a GreenDot debit card which had been provided by Reddick.

Y.H. admitted he came to the room in response to the "Kimberly" "backpage.com" advertisement, and that he'd been told to meet her at room #423 in the La Quinta Inn, where he was to have paid \$120.00 for thirty minutes with "Kimberly." Y.H. indicated he met "Kimberly" the previous week during an encounter with another girl he also met on "backpage.com." Once inside room #423, "Kimberly" had asked if Y.H. "was a cop," to which he replied he was not, reminding her he had met her the week before. "Kimberly" then told him to "put the money on the dresser," which he did, and to get undressed, which he did. "Kimberly" undressed and provided him a condom, at which point there was a knock on the door. "Kimberly" told him "hold on, I have to give him the money," which he took to mean that "Kimberly" was going to give the \$120.00 to the same black man who Y.H. had paid for his sexual encounter the week before. However, when she opened the door, it was the police.

Y.H. stated he had used "backpage.com" advertisements for several months for sexual encounters, and met "Kimberly" the weekend before at the same motel when he had a sexual encounter with S.O. After Y.H. had sex with S.O., the black male whom Y.H. had earlier paid cash for his sexual encounter with S.O. brought "Kimberly" into the room and informed him he could "have her" ("Kimberly") for \$150.00.

After Reddick was observed dropping off "Kimberly" in room #423, investigators continued to follow him. Once contact was made with T.K. and it was determined she was involved in prostitution, Reddick was stopped and arrested. During a post-*Miranda* interview, Reddick admitted knowing T.K. was involved in prostitution but denied assisting her or being involved in her activities, claiming he met T.K. through Thurman. Reddick denied knowing I.F., but when he was reminded about the January 27, 2014, incident where I.F. was recovered, he admitted knowing "Lexi." However, he denied any involvement in I.F.'s prostitution activities or being involved with her "backpage.com" advertisements which featured his cellular telephone number as the contact number for "Lexi."

A consensual search conducted of Reddick's cellular telephone showed a text message sent on May 23, 2014, just prior to Reddick leaving

T.K. in room #423 to be joined by Y.H., which read: "We have like 3 people say they comin but no show yet and i dont have no money to get back if they dont come so u mite have to cum to tally."

T.K. identified Reddick and Thurman, and stated that Thurman had driven her from south Georgia to Tallahassee on May 22, which was the second weekend she had come to Tallahassee with Thurman (the first being the weekend of May 15 through 17). On both weekends Thurman had assured T.K.'s mother that T.K. was helping Thurman babysit Thurman's children. Text messages contained on T.K.'s cellular phone from Thurman verified this information, and stated that Thurman wanted T.K. to "be safe" while she was involved in prostitution.

Inside a duffle bag found in room #423 which T.K. identified as hers, investigators found a spiral notebook containing names/nicknames and telephone numbers (including an entry for "Chinese" with a telephone number matching Y.H.'s cellular telephone number). Other entries included: "Rates," along with prices for different periods of time (from "15mins-\$70" to "fullday (3/4hr)-\$460," as well as "Always ask if they police," "Try not hang up see how much they got," and "Never tell them the hotel to they call back."

After arrest, Thurman made post-*Miranda* statements admitting she knew I.F. and T.K. and that both were involved in prostitution. Thurman stated she thought T.K. was over age 18, but knew I.F. was 17 years old. She also admitted driving T.K. from Georgia to Tallahassee. Thurman also stated that in early 2014, she posted her own “backpage.com” advertisements using the alias “Redd” for prostitution. Thurman claimed that the prostitution activities she and the girls were involved in were facilitated by Reddick, who paid for and set up “backpage.com” advertisements and paid for motel rooms.

Investigators verified through motel records that Reddick checked into the Tallahassee Super 8 motel on May 22, 2014, and checked out on May 23, 2014, immediately prior to investigators observing him with T.K. Motel staff identified Reddick as being a guest at during the time periods when I.F. and T.K. were engaged in prostitution activities.

Finally, investigators obtained text messages exchanged between Thurman and T.K. from mid-May through May 23, 2014. On May 16, 2014, T.K. and Thurman exchanged messages during which T.K. asked Thurman: “What’s the price for him give me head, foot and back massage?” after which T.K. asked “400?” T.K. then asked “500 for all night?” In a message

on May 21, 2014, Thurman asked T.K. "did u try to see if you homgul wanted to try wit use this weekend be more money for u im trying to double the money we made last week I know we can." Thurman also sent T.K. a message on May 22, 2014, in which she stated: "ur my baby ima take good care of you I wont let nothing happen u cool people."

Investigators retrieved text messages between Thurman and Gosier on May 24, 2014 (after Reddick's arrest but before Thurman's arrest), in which the two discuss Reddick's arrest. During the text conversation Gosier told Thurman "the girl got locked up" and asked Thurman if Reddick "had her (T.K.) working."

Elements of the Offense / Count Two:

- 1) That the Defendant knowingly combined, conspired, confederated, and agreed together and with other persons'
- 2) To knowingly transport a victim in interstate commerce.
- 3) At the time of the transportation, the victim was less than 18 years old; and
- 4) At the time of the transportation, the Defendant intended that the victim would engage in prostitution or other unlawful sexual activity.

Elements of the Offense / Counts Four and Six:

- 1) That the Defendant knowingly recruited, enticed, harbored, transported, provided, obtained, or maintained by any means a child;
- 2) That the Defendant did so knowing or in reckless disregard of the fact the child had not attained the age of 18 years and would be caused to engage in a commercial sex act; and
- 3) That the Defendant's acts were in or affected interstate commerce.



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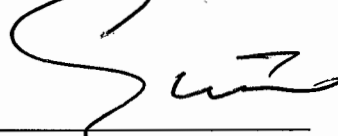
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