

AO 91 (Rev. 01/09) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the  
District of Rhode Island

United States of America  
v.  
KEDWIN VARGAS (DOB XX/XX/1991)

Case No.

1:16 MJ 109 A

*Defendant*

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

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

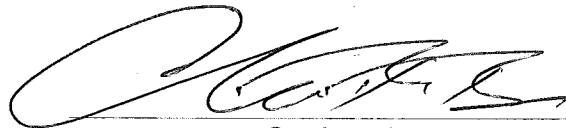
On or about the date of 01/01/2015 in the county of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ District of  
Rhode Island, the defendant violated 18 U. S. C. § 2423(a)(e), an offense described as follows:

Conspiracy to transport a minor across statelines for purposes of prostitution and the transportation of a minor across  
state lines for purposes of prostitution

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

The attached affidavit of Federal Bureau of Investigations, Special Agent Christopher R. Braga

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*Complainant's signature*

Christopher R. Braga, FBI Special Agent

*Printed name and title*

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: <sup>17</sup>  
05/12/2016



*Judge's signature*

City and state: PROVIDENCE, RI

PATRICIA A. SULLIVAN, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

*Printed name and title*

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE MATTER OF THE

KEDWIN VARGAS (dob XX/XX/1991)

UNDER SEAL

1:16 MJ 109 A

I, Special Agent Christopher R. Braga, a Special Agent (SA) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Providence Resident Agency, being duly sworn, depose and say:

INTRODUCTION

1. I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and am currently assigned to the Providence, Rhode Island (RI), Resident Agency (RA) of the FBI. I have been a Special Agent in the FBI for the last nineteen years. I have participated in numerous organized crime related investigations involving a variety of federal criminal offenses including violations of the Hobbs Act, (extortion affecting interstate commerce), 18 U.S.C. §1951 Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations (RICO) and conspiracy to violate RICO, 18 U.S.C. § 1962 (c ), (d) organized criminal gambling, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1084, § 1511, violations of federal usury laws 18 U.S.C. § 892, 2010 and conspiracy to possess controlled substances with the intent to distribute as well as the substantive charges of possessing and distributing controlled substances 21 U.S.C. §§ 841, 846. I am an investigative or law enforcement officer of the United States

within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. 2510 (7) and am empowered by law to conduct investigations and to make arrests for offenses enumerated in 18 U.S.C. 2516.

2. My investigations have entailed, among other things, conducting or participating in physical surveillances, the preparation and execution of search warrants, debriefings of informants, the review of both documentary evidence and video surveillance recordings and the monitoring of court authorized electronic surveillance.

3. I submit this affidavit in support of an application for a warrant to arrest KEDWIN VARGAS (dob XX/XX/1991) and RENE ANTHONY LAUREANO (dob XX/XX/1986) for violations of 18 U.S.C. §§2423(a) and (e), conspiracy to transport a minor interstate for purposes of prostitution and transportation of a minor interstate for purposes of prostitution.

4. I have personally participated in the investigation set forth below. I am familiar with the facts and circumstances of the investigation through my personal participation; from discussions with detectives of the Rhode Island State Police and from information obtained through law enforcement interviews of witnesses with knowledge of certain information concerning facts related to this investigation. Unless otherwise noted, wherever in this affidavit I assert that a statement was made, the information was provided by another agent, law enforcement officer or witness who had either direct or hearsay knowledge of that statement and to whom I or others have spoken or whose reports I have read and reviewed. Such statements are among many

statements made by others and are stated in substance and in part unless otherwise indicated.

6. For the reasons set out in this affidavit, there is probable cause to believe that the above described offenses have been committed by KEDWIN VARGAS ("VARGAS) and RENE LAUREANO ("LAUREANO").

**PROBABLE CAUSE**

7. On 03/09/16 a male, whose identity is known to me and who maintains a residence in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, contacted the Rhode Island State Police to report that someone was trying to blackmail/extort him. I am purposefully omitting the person's name. This person shall be referred to in the remainder of this affidavit as CW#1.

8. CW#1 stated that on 03/27/16 he received a text message from (857) 919-5083 which stated: "Welcome to the darkness, you're never going to see your wife and daughter again unless you give me an early birthday present (10G)." CW#1, thinking he had received the text by mistake deleted it. Several hours later, CW#1 received a second text from (857) 919-5083 which stated: "...you are not taking this seriously, you need to take this serious."

9. Later on 03/27/16, CW#1 called (857) 919-5083 and spoke to a male who did not identify himself. The male told CW#1 that he had "dirt" on him. The male stated: "Listen, this is what is going to happen. I got dirt on you, so you're going to give me ten grand by Saturday." The male also made reference to an "ANTHONY" during their conversation. The male told CW#1 "Anthony is a dumbass. I never would have messed with you. You seem like a nice guy, but I got my own problems. Anthony ran his mouth off about your business and whatever you do with the produce. I know where you live. I know where you live in Massachusetts and I know your (omitted) address in Rhode Island." Your affiant is aware that CW#1 operates an agriculture business which is located in Rhode Island. Your affiant is also aware that CW#1 maintains a residence in another state, where his wife and family reside while he works during the week in Rhode Island.

10. CW#1 advised the Rhode Island State Police detectives (RISP) that he knows an individual named ANTHONY RENE LAUREANO. CW#1 explained that he had hired LAUREANO to do work for him at the recommendation of a friend of his named "EDDIE" from South Boston. CW#1 explained that he had known EDDIE for some time and that LAUREANO was EDDIE's cousin. CW#1 hired LAUREANO to do some labor work for a few days at his business location in Rhode Island. CW#1 also advised that during the time LAUREANO was working for him he had attended a party with LAUREANO in Providence, RI. RISP Detectives showed CW#1 a Massachusetts Registry of Motor vehicles photograph of RENE ANTHONY

LARUEANO, dob of XX/XX/1986. CW#1 positively identified the individual as the ANTHONY who worked for him.

11. CW#1 stated that he was introduced at the party to a woman named "KATHERINE" by LAUREANO. CW#1 stated that LAUREANO had provided KATHERINE with his telephone number and she had contacted him a number of times subsequent to the party in Providence.

12. In September or October of 2015 KATHERINE contacted CW#1 and asked him for money. KATHERINE told CW#1 that her aunt was sick and asked for money for a plane ticket to go visit her. CW#1 told the RISP Detectives that he refused to provide money to KATHERINE although they did agree to meet and "hang out" after she asked him if she could come over.

13. KATHERINE was dropped off at CW#1'S East Greenwich residence by someone driving a blue or silver colored Ford Focus. CW#1 stated that he and KATHERINE "just talked" but at one point CW#1 left KATHERINE alone while he went and took a shower. CW#1 stated that he was alone with KATHERINE at his apartment for approximately one hour. CW#1 denied engaging in any type of sexual act with KATHERINE to the Detectives. CW#1 denied paying KATHERINE any money. CW#1 further advised that he believed that KATHERINE had her cellular telephone out and that she may have recorded him as he exited the shower.

14. On 03/03/2016 at 3:56pm, CW#1 received a text message from (857) 919-5083 which stated: "Have you talked to Anthony?" CW#1 responded that he had not

texted LAUREANO. CW#1 then received the following text: "We worked everything out on our end. Can I trust you?" CW#1 responded: "You can trust me, but I want to see your video and audio. I want to see the stuff you are going to show my wife." He received a response of "I ain't showing you shit. If you really want to see it, pull some BS on me Saturday and I will show you after I show her. You're pissing me off son."

15. On 03/04/2016 CW#1 received a telephone call from LAUREANO and told him about a party he was at with a "some girls." CW#1 stated he was angry with LARUEANO and confronted him about the unknown male who was extorting him. CW#1 stated that LAUREANO told him that he heard "something about it" but told him he was not "involved."

16. Later on 03/03/2016 CW#1 stated he contacted his friend "EDDIE" from South Boston regarding what was being done to him (extortion) and his suspicion that LAUREANO was involved. CW#1 stated that EDDIE then got back to him after speaking with the mother of LAUREANO'S children, JESSICA. CW#1 later on received text messages from JESSICA stating that she also suspected that LARUEANO was involved in the extortion scheme. JESSICA also identified the man who was extorting CW#1 as KEDWIN VARGAS of Cabot Street Roxbury, A. JESSICA also told CW#1 that VARGAS had attempted to extort money from her in the past.

17. A query of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles database determined that KEDWIN VARGAS, DOB XX/XX/1991, resides at 159 Cabot Street Roxbury, MA. A query of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Justice Information Services Database shows an address for KEDWIN

VARGAS, DOB XX/XX/1991, of 159 Cabot Street, Apartment 142 Roxbury, MA. The database shows the following entries for VARGAS:

05/11/15 arraignment for Violation of the Abuse Prevention Act

10/15/12 arraignment for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs

10/15/12 arraignment for possession of a class B controlled substance

10/15/12 arraignment for possession with intent to distribute a class D substance

03/13/12 arraignment for assault and battery

11/17/11 arraignment for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs

09/27/11 arraignment for littering

01/04/11 arraignment for possession with intent to distribute a class D substance

12/20/10 arraignment for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon

05/09/07 arrest for assault by means of a dangerous weapon knife

01/03/11 arrest for possession with intent to distribute a Class B substance

18. On 03/08/16, CW#1 confronted LAUREANO again regarding his involvement with VARGAS. LAURENO denied involvement and made a statement to CW#1 that VARGAS had "that (the extortion) set up for a while." LAURENO then made a "three way" call between CW#1, himself and VARGAS. CW#1 stated that he confronted VARGAS and tried to get him to stop blackmailing him. CW#1 stated



VARGAS replied: "Fuck you. I want my money." Immediately after the three way telephone call, LAUREANO called CW#1 back and identified that the man attempting to extort him was KEDWIN VARGAS who resides at Cabot Street in Roxbury, MA.

19. On 03/08/16, at approximately 3:54pm, at RISP HQ, a consensually recorded telephone call was made from CW#1 at (617) XXX-1135 to VARGAS at (857) 919-5083. The following is a transcript of that telephone call:

KV: Hello.

CW: Ked, it's CW#1.

KV: What's up?

CW: I just wanna touch base man, and see where we're at with this thing. We ready to call this quits?

KV: Um, No.

CW: No?

KV: No, I didn't go this deep. If you're gonna take me to court, take me to court man. I can't be on these streets broke.

CW: What'd you, you don't want to be in these streets?

KV: I don't want to walk these streets broke. I'm broke, I'm hungry. That's the only reason I'm doing it.

CW: H, H, See I just don't understand how like this is my problem, I mean.

KV: It's, it's not your problem and so you know what I'm saying. (Unintelligible).

CW: So, so what do you want from me?

KV: I just want, I just want some bread, I just want money.

CW: You just want money and you threaten my family for money? But, you know you're going to get in trouble.

KV: Fuck it bro, I'd rather be in a jail cell bro than fucking. If this shit don't work, I'm gonna get locked up some other way. Even right now, it's a nice ass day; I got a nice ass outfit. Cause of this bitch, I ain't got a fucking car.

CW: Because of what bitch?

KV: Ali, fucking Alicia, Alicea. Her dumbass.

CW: What did she do?

KV: I was good before I met her. You seen me pull up to your little spots or whatever in a Benz and all of that shit and I had the little Jeep and all of that. And then fucking, I don't know she got me in getting high with her and everything went downhill from there. Now she fucking with somebody else, I'm clean and it's like shit, she broke, broke. Before I met her, I had like, like 24 stacks in the bank and I bought my car, made some good bread with her and all that shit just got flushed. You know what I'm saying? Yo, I'm gonna tell you something B. I, I, it's like; you seem like a good dude, you know what I'm saying?

CW: I am a good dude.

KV: And trust me and trust me, I'll tell you this too. Me, I'm the type of guy before I get with a girl, I try to tell her like, yo, I like to do open relationships. You know, at the end of the day, (unintelligible), so I, it's not even I'm not passing judgment on that; you know what I'm saying? I hope it don't come to that. I don't want to bring your wife sadness; you know what I'm saying? It is what it is though; you know what I'm saying? You, you, I don't know bro, I don't know exactly what you're doing, but you got a business. You got this da da da. You, you could afford to do that. If someone said that to me, I'm like shit man, I'm losing my wife

CW: I can't afford to do anything man, I'm broke. That's the thing, I mean I told you. That's why it's hard for, I told you I can't do 10, I'm scrounging to do, to do 5. I mean, you, you, one way or another, I mean it's not worth it for you and you know, I mean this isn't, there's just nothing I can do for you.

KV: Bro, I still got that leverage over you.

CW: What leverage do you have?

KV: The leverage we spoke about.

CW: You, all you said was you had audio and video but I don't know what you have.

KV: She, she, she came in and see you one time and I tell her, I told her make sure you record or whatever and she said for what and I'm like don't worry about it just make sure you record, she do what I say and then she showed me the video, boom, emailed it to myself, bam.

CW: So what happens if I don't pay you?

KV: I show her the video. You know this.

CW: You have a video of me?

KV: Um hmm.

CW: Yeah, I'm not buying it.

KV: You was, was, you wasn't even. It's not even like she got there and you all just went straight to you all's talking. And then you all get, get, go to the bathroom in the shower and that's when the video cut off. It's like four minutes long.

CW: So you took me a video of me talking to Alicia and then.

KV: Yep, you all walked to the bathroom.

CW: And then we're walking to the bathroom?

KV: Yeah, you walk into the bathroom, you go in the shower, you get into the shower. She put the phone down to get in the shower. But, you know, I'm pretty sure your wife ain't dumb. Any and everybody who sees that knows normal.

CW: Well, it doesn't seem like much to me.

KV: I mean, I mean, fuck it. Then you know what I'm saying buddy, I ain't got shit to lose.

CW: I realize that.

KV: You saying this shit, I ain't buying it. Fuck it. I ain't got a record

CW: I said some shit just to, just to get it to stop.

KV: Say it to me again.

CW: I said some shit just to get it to stop. I mean.

KV: Right.

CW: How, how, how the thing I'm struggling with man is just why? Like, you just came up with this idea?

KV: You know what's loud? I ain't even plan on it, but when shit started to go bad. It was the time before last that we seen, we seen, maybe a month or two ago. Since the whole time that she did went over there, I was the only one that drive her. And the time before last, I knew she was starting to go south. I knew she's a dummy, you know what I'm saying, real introverted, quiet, you know what I'm saying. I got love for the girl, but I just, I just knew she would fuck up. So I just told her all she needed to do was hit record. And I can't, I wasn't planning having her use it until I felt like I had to do it. Like, you got a family; I got a family too, CW#1. I'm not doing this so I can buy sneakers and drugs and, and, and buy bitches. That's not what I'm planning to do with it.

CW: If you, if you, if you, if you're trying to get money for your family, then obviously that means you care about your family. How are you going to provide for your family if you're, you know if you're in jail?

KV: By any means, by any means bro. By any means. Listen, I don't, I don't know you, I don't know your background. I don't know how you grew up. Where I grew up bro, everyone around me was either a dope dealer or a dope head. So, who do you think I grew up looking up to? McDonalds wasn't hiring niggers until they was 18. My mother disabled since I was 9. You know what I'm saying? You know, a little \$700 check. The rent's \$850. You living on welfare and disability. Hell no. Well, how you gonna eat? I'm, I'm providing for my family. That's the way I'm looking at it.

CW: I just, I don't know how you're going to provide for your family when you're you know in jail. Your, I mean this is a serious thing.

KV: Yo, listen bro, if I didn't do that, I'm going to have to do some violent shit in the streets and I'm not saying, I'm not talking about you.

CW: But you don't have to do violent shit in the streets man. You just got to get yourself together and you know, make some changes.

KV: (CW#1) The lifestyle that I tr, that I've provided for my family up until I met Alicea. There's no job that's gonna hire me with no college degree. And, and, and, and, and pay me that.

CW: Yet, you're not. I mean listen, yeah. You're not going to go from doing whatever you do making, making money in the street to all of a sudden transitioning into an ultimate better life in the future and expect to get the same money, but you know where this is going to end up for you.

KV: Yo, I'll be 25 in a couple of weeks man.

CW: You're only 25 years old man. That's like.

KV: Umm hmm.

CW: Dude, don't take this the wrong way, but you're, you're, you're, I don't want to use the kid.

KV: You're a kid, I know that.

CW: Not derogatory, I'm not saying derogatory, I'm just saying you're a young guy. You got your whole life in front of you. I'm, I'm, I'm, I'm, listen. You're, you're, you've shown me that you, you have some sensitivity, you said to (name omitted) you're a nice guy, I, I didn't really want to do this to you. You feel like you have no other choice. There are always choices. You can make changes.

KV: Bro, the, the changes is made. I'm just, I'm just, you know, I'm just ready to go now. I'm just waiting to put things together and just making shit happen. You need a capital, you need a base. I can't go to these people and just be like oh. Just take my word for it. I need, I need, I need something to move off of.

CW: This is what I'm talking about man. You gotta, you gotta, I understand where you come from. I understand. I'm not saying I came from there. But you, you can't live an illegitimate life and expect to live a happy life. Just think about that. Think about it. You know? Where do these things go? You deal

drugs, you're gonna get killed or get arrested. It goes on for a period of time, but that's part of that life. You know, you, you, you're looking for a short-term fix getting money from me. But if I were to go to the cops, you know and they, they, even if they so much have enough to go pick you up, they investigate, they find out you're guilty, you go to jail. You want to take care of your family? I don't know many people who do that while behind bars. You know if you, listen, I care about my family. I made some mistakes in my life, right? Everybody has.

KV: You didn't make mistakes, you made decisions.

CW: Ahh, you know what, sometimes decisions are mistakes man. People have a lapse of judgment. You can't always, listen, I, I, I respect that statement because you gotta be accountable for what you do, alright? So, that says something to me about you. But at the same time, at the same time, you know, you, you, you gotta think about things and sometimes you gotta give yourself a pass not to just get away with it over and over again, but to make a change. Think about that. I, I, I can't give you the money man, I'm trying to scrape it together, I don't have it. And, uh, you know, I don't really know. You told me what you said you have, I just can't do it.

KV: Yo (name omitted) you could do it. You said you'd try to scrape it together, you just don't got it right now.

CW: I tried, I don't have it.

KV: But CW#1, what could you put together for me man?

CW: Whatever I can put together for you ain't solving your problem man.

KV: Well regard, regardless of what you say my problem, your problem is what we on the phone discussing. I, I tried to give you a little like you said, sensitivity. You know, get, you try to get a little background on the other, on, you know what I'm saying, on the person on the other end of the phone.

CW: Alright.

KV: You know?

CW: Alright, I'm gonna make a decision, I, whether I'm gonna willing to you know risk whatever you have getting in front of my wife that could hurt me or what I could pull together to make this go away. So, give me, give me another day, I'll call you back, alright, I need to think about it. It's tough for me to.

KV: Alright.

CW: Alright.

KV: Alright.

CW: Alright, thanks man.

20. On 03/11/16, CW#1 was interviewed a second time by RISP Detectives. CW#1 admitted to Detectives that he had not been completely forthcoming during his previous interview in regards to "leverage" that VARGAS may have over him. CW#1 stated that "...there are certain details that were left out and one fact needs to be removed or altered."

21. During CW#1'S second interview with RISP Detectives, he admitted that he had known LAUREANO since 2014 and had purchased cocaine from him on a number of occasions. CW#1 also advised that LAUREANO introduced him to KATHERINE in 2014. CW#1 stated he later learned that KATHERINE'S real name was actually ALESIA.

22. CW#1 admitted to Detectives that he had begun seeing ALESIA and engaging in sexual contact, including intercourse, with her sometime in 2014. CW#1 could not recall the exact date that he started seeing ALESIA but did recall that he had met with her in order to have sexual relations on a number of occasions. CW#1 stated: "I remember the occasions, I just don't remember the sequence or when. So I know, as I mentioned, there was one time at the Marriott in Providence, there was another time at the NYLO in Warwick, there was another time at some hotel right off the exit in East Greenwich-I think it's the Crown Plaza, and a couple of times at my place."

23. CW#1 described LAUREANO as ALESIA'S "driver" as he believed that LAUREANO drove her to most of his meetings with her in Rhode Island.

24. CW#1 stated during the interview that he had paid for sexual acts each time he met with ALESIA. The following is a transcript of that part of the interview:

Det.: "And on any of the occasions that you met her down-And it was always in Rhode Island that you met her?"

CW#1: "Yes."

Det.: "Did you end up having sexual intercourse with her?"

CW#1: "Well I...One time that I recall."

Det.: "And it was for a fee usually, right?"

CW#1: "Yup."

25. On 03/24/2016 LAUREANO was interviewed by your affiant and SA Jeffrey Cady. LAUREANO stated during the interview that he first met ALESIA approximately 14-15 months ago when he saw her ad on backpage.com. Your affiant is aware that backpage.com is website used to advertise, among other things, the services of prostitutes. LAUREANO advised that he contacted her and they had a "date" and had sexual relations. LAUREANO further advised that VARGAS in addition to being ALESIA's boyfriend was also "pimping her out." LAUREANO stated that he began working for VARGAS and "...driving her around for some runs (dates.)" LAUREANO stated that VARGAS and/or ALESIA would contact him and he would then pick her up and drive her to meet with customers. LAUREANO added that VARGAS had made "a lot of money" with ALESIA.

26. A query of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Justice Information Services Database shows the following entries for RENE ANTHONY LAUREANO, DOB 03/27/1986:

03/25/04	Possession of a Class D Substance, Drugs
03/25/04	Buying, Receiving or Concealing Stolen Goods
10/16/09	Keeper of a Disorderly House
07/11/11	Failure to Appear
09/29/12	Operating Under the Influence
06/05/13	Operating Motor vehicle improperly
06/10/13	Failure to Appear
09/16/13	Cocaine Trafficking
10/12/13	Operating after Revocation or Suspension

27. LAUREANO stated that VARGAS accompanied him on "3 or 4" occasions when he drove ALESIA to meet with CW#1 in Rhode Island. LAUREANO stated that the first time he drove ALESIA to meet with CW#1 was approximately a "year and half ago." LAUREANO stated that he estimated that he had brought ALESIA on "dates" to CW#1 in Rhode Island on ten occasions. LAURENO stated that VARGAS paid him \$50 to \$80 for each of these trips.



28. LAUREANO was asked how old ALESIA is. LAUREANO stated: "...He (VARGAS) was messing with her when she was 17. She lied to me and said she was 24." LAUREANO was asked how old ALESIA was when she first started seeing CW#1. LAUREANO stated: "I don't know but she was under 18."

29. LAURENO stated that what ALESIA charged for her services depended on the distance traveled and particular sexual acts. He advised that it cost more for her to travel to Rhode Island or for her to perform certain sexual acts, such as "fetish work." LAURENO also stated that he has delivered cocaine to CW#1 on a number of occasions. LAURENAO stated that he delivered the cocaine to CW#1 he had obtained from his cousin "EDDIE" who lives in South Boston, MA.

30. On 04/26/2016 your affiant and SA MICHAEL LUIZZI interviewed ALESIA ALGARRIN dob XX/XX/1997. ("ALGARRIN.") ALGARRIN stated that she had nothing to do with any extortion of CW#1 and denied ever having a video of CW#1. ALGARRIN stated she confronted VARGAS about his extortion of CW#1 and she thought he had ceased in his attempts to get money from him.

31. ALGARRIN stated that VARGAS was her former "boyfriend" and that she met him approximately one year ago. She stated that she first met CW#1 approximately six months ago and was introduced to him by a friend of her's named ANTHONY. ALGARRIN identified a photograph of LAUREANO as the "ANTHONY" who introduced her to CW#1. ALGARRIN stated she met LAUREANO through her "backpage" site . ALGARRIN also admitted that although VARGAS was her

"boyfriend" he was also her "pimp" who took all of the money she made having sexual relations with men.

32. ALGARRIN stated that LAURENO became her driver and would drive her on "dates" with customers. LAURENO would be paid for driving her to meet with customers whom she would have sexual relations with. ALGARRIN would pay LAURENO out of the money the customer gave her. The remainder of the money she would give to VARGAS. ALAGARRIN was asked how much VARGAS would take and she replied: "All of it."

33. ALGARRIN stated that she travelled from Massachusetts to Rhode Island to meet with CW#1 in order to have sexual relations with him on 20 separate occasions. ALGARRIN believed that she first had sexual relations with CW#1 during the summer of 2015. ALGARRIN advised that LAUREANO drove her to Rhode Island to meet with and have sexual relations with CW#1. ALGARIN was asked why she did not drive herself to Rhode Island. ALGARRIN responded that she had never had a driver's license and she only had a learner's permit which had expired. She added again that LAUREANO was paid for providing this service out of the money CW#1 gave her.

34. ALGARRIN stated on "3 or 4" occasions VARGAS accompanied her to Rhode Island from Massachusetts to meet with CW#1. ALGARRIN stated that she was living at the time with VARGAS at his residence at the Whittier Apartment Complex in Roxbury, MA. She added that she was living at this location and was picked up there by LAURENO and driven by him to Rhode Island to meet with CW#1.

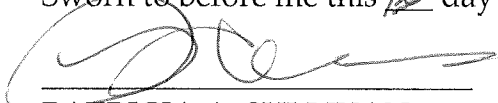
35. ALGARRIN stated that she was under 18 year of age when she had sexual relations with CW#1.

36. Based on the foregoing, there is probable cause that a warrant be issued for the arrest of RENE ANTHONY LAUREANO and KEDWIN VARGAS for violations of 18 U.S.C. Section 2423.



**Christopher R. Braga**  
**Special Agent**  
**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

Sworn to before me this <sup>17th</sup> ~~10th~~ day of <sup>May</sup> ~~April~~, 2015



**PATRICIA A. SULLIVAN**

**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**  
**DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND**

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