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Sexual Predator Who Trafficked Underage Girl and Arranged Sexual Transactions between the Minor and Dozens of Men Sentenced to 49 Years in Prison

Albuquerque, NM – Today in Albuquerque District Court, Sharoski Jackson was sentenced to nine years in prison for five felony counts and also received 40 years due to a habitual offender enhancement. The sentence is to be served consecutively. The New Mexico Attorney General's Office Senior Deputy for Criminal Affairs, Sharon Pino, tried the case. Sharowski was found guilty in December of 2014 on the following felony counts: one count Human Trafficking (victim a minor), two counts of Promoting Prostitution (Soliciting Patrons), one count Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and one count Conspiracy to Commit Human Trafficking (victim a minor).

"My office is focused on convicting sexual predators who prey on children, like Mr. Jackson, and we will continue to seek the toughest prison sentences possible in cases where predators hurt our children," said Attorney General Hector Balderas. "Thanks to New Mexico Attorney General's Office investigators and prosecutors, a career criminal who preyed on an underage girl is going to prison for 49 years."

Shortly after the victim's 17th birthday in January 2013, Jackson feigned a relationship with the young girl and then, along with his co-defendant girlfriend, Tiffany McKnight, he trafficked the victim by posting her on Backpage.com and arranging sexual transactions with the minor and dozens of men. The sex trafficking of the minor child was well documented by text messages and photos obtained from cell phones shared by Jackson and his co-defendant. Recorded jail conversations also detailed Jackson's multiple attempts to convince the minor to not testify, testify falsely or assist him in disposing of the charges prior to trial. Jackson was convicted on all five counts on December 17, 2014.

Jackson has also been previously convicted of the following crimes, qualifying him for habitual offender enhancement:

1. Georgia, 04/26/2005, Theft by Receiving Stolen Property, No. 05—R-49 District Court of Dougherty County.
2. New Mexico, 09/25/2007, Trafficking (by possession with intent to distribute cocaine) ash charged in CR 2007-01587, Possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) as charged in CR-2007-004307.
3. New Mexico, 12/09/2008, Possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) as charged in CR 2008-1361.

Please see attached for a photo of Sharoski Jackson and background information on the case.

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BRIANA ZAMORA

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

KATHY MALDONADO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO,

CRCR- '13001663
AG#: 2013-002

Plaintiff,

vs.

SHAROSKI BERNARD JACKSON
DOB:11/19/1986
SSN: 257-55-5110

Defendant.

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SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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Kathy Maldonado

CRIMES CHARGED

HUMAN TRAFFICKING; PROMOTING PROSTITUTION; ACCEPTING THE EARNINGS OF A PROSTITUTE; CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF MINOR; CONSPIRACY

GRAND JURY INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT I: HUMAN TRAFFICKING (5049)

That on or between January 2013 and the 19th day of March, 2013, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named Defendant knowingly recruited, solicited, enticed, transported or obtained by any means B.G., a person under the age of eighteen years, with the intent or knowledge that B.G. would be caused to engage in commercial sexual activity, contrary to §30-52-1(A)(2), NMSA 1978.

COUNT II: PROMOTING PROSTITUTION (0273)

That on or between January 2013 and the 19th day of March, 2013, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did knowingly solicit a patron for a prostitute, contrary to Section 30-09-04(E), NMSA 1978.

COUNT III: ACCEPTING EARNINGS OF A PROSTITUTE (0281)

That on or between January 2013 and the 19th day of March, 2013 in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named defendant did knowingly accept without consideration money, which had some value, from the proceeds of a person he knew was engaged in prostitution and that the earnings are derived from engaging in prostitution, contrary to Section 30-9-4.1, NMSA 1978.

COUNT IV: CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF MINOR (1975)

That on or between January 2013 and the 19th day of March, 2013, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named Defendant did commit an act or omit the performance of a duty, which act or omission caused or tended to cause or encouraged the delinquency of B.G., a person under the age of eighteen years, contrary to §30-6-3, NMSA 1978.

COUNT V: CONSPIRACY (HUMAN TRAFFICKING) (5046)

That on or between January 2013 and the 19th day of March, 2013, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named Defendant did knowingly combine with TIFFANY MCKNIGHT for the purpose of committing a felony, to-wit: Human Trafficking, within or without this state, contrary to Section 30-28-02 and Section 30-52-1(A)(2), NMSA 1978.

IN THE ALTERNATIVE: CONSPIRACY (PROMOTING PROSTITUTION) (0275)

That on or between January 2013 and the 19th day of March 2013 in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named Defendant did knowingly combine with TIFFANY MCKNIGHT for the purpose of committing a felony, to-wit: Promoting Prostitution, within or without this state, contrary to sections 30-28-02 and Section 30-9-4(E), NMSA 1978.

IN THE ALTERNATIVE: CONSPIRACY (CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF MINOR) (1977)

That on or between January 2013 and the 19th day of March 2013 in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, the above-named Defendant did knowingly combine with TIFFANY MCKNIGHT for the purpose of committing a felony, to-wit: Contributing to Delinquency of Minor, within or without this state, contrary to sections 30-28-02 and Section 30-6-3

The names of the witnesses upon whose testimony this Indictment is based are as follows:


Detective Chris Maes, APD Vice Unit

I hereby certify that the foregoing Indictment is a True Bill.

APPROVED:



CARLOS A. GUTIERREZ
Assistant Attorney General



Foreman

4-9-2013

Date

CASE INFORMATION

AG File# 2013-002

MET.CT.#: CR 4669-13

LEA/RPT#: APD Case No. 130024612

AAG: Carlos A. Gutierrez

DOB: 11/19/1986

SS#: 257-55-5110

ADD: Metropolitan Detention Center, 100 John Dantis SW, Albuquerque, NM 87151;

BOOKING/ARREST DATE: 3/19/2013 & 3/20/2013

BOOKING/ARREST#: 130695517

DEF.ATTY: Public Defender

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF DEFENDANT:

Height: 5'10"

Weight: 180

Race: Black

Eye Color: Brown

Hair Color: Black

Other: N/A

SLP

PENALTIES

COUNT 1: 3rd Degree Felony: Basic sentence of 3 years imprisonment and not more than \$5,000 fine
COUNTS 2, 3, 4 & 5: 4th Degree Felony: Basic sentence of 18 months imprisonment
and not more than \$5,000 fine

4th Degree Felony: Basic sentence of 18 months imprisonment and not more than \$5,000 fine.
3rd Degree Felony: Basic sentence of 3 years imprisonment and not more than \$5,000 fine.
2nd Degree Felony: Basic sentence of 9 years imprisonment and not more than \$10,000 fine.
1st Degree Felony: Basic sentence of 18 years imprisonment and not more than \$15,000 fine.
USE OF FIREARM ALTERATION TO BASIC SENTENCE (FE): Basic sentence of imprisonment increased by 1 year for first offense in which a firearm is used and 3 years for subsequent offenses in which a firearm is used.
USE OF HATE CRIME ENHANCEMENT: Basic sentence of imprisonment is increased by one (1) year, unless second offense, then the basic sentence is increased by two (2) years.

Special Penalty: (Receiving or Transferring a Stolen Vehicle (Possession) only) Basic sentence of one year and/or \$5,000 fine.
Misdemeanor: Less than 1 year in the County Jail and/or not more than \$1,000 fine.
Petty Misdemeanor: Not more than 6 months in the County Jail and/or not more than \$500 fine.

Penalty for Driving While Under the Influence, Felony Offense: (4th or Subsequent Offense): Basic sentence of 18 months and not more than \$5,000 fine, including a mandatory jail term of not less than 6 months.
Penalty for Driving While Under the Influence - Misdemeanor: If 1st Offense, basic sentence is maximum 90 days jail and \$500 fine, and if aggravated an additional 48 hours jail time; if 2nd Offense, basic sentence is mandatory 72 hours in jail and \$500 fine to maximum of 364 days and \$1,000 fine, and if aggravated an additional 96 hours jail time; if 3rd Offense, basic sentence is a mandatory 30 days in jail and \$750 fine to maximum of 364 days and \$1,000 fine, and if aggravated an additional mandatory 60 days jail time.
Penalty for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked: Traffic Code Misdemeanor, Special Penalty: not less than 4 days nor more than 364 days and fine up to \$1,000 (non-DWI related suspension/revocation); or not less than 7 consecutive days imprisonment and mandatory fine not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000 (DWI revocation).
Penalty for Reckless Driving: Upon first conviction, basic sentence of 5 days to 90 days imprisonment, and/or \$25 to \$100 fine. Upon a second or subsequent conviction, basic sentence of 10 days to 6 months imprisonment, and/or \$50 to \$1,000 fine.
Penalty for Traffic Code Misdemeanor: fine of not more than \$300 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days or both.
Penalty Assessment Misdemeanor: See Schedule in Traffic Code, Section 66-8-116.

1st Degree Felony for Child Abuse (Intentionally Caused) (Resulting in Death) (Child Under 12): Life imprisonment.
2nd Degree Felony Resulting in the Death of a Human Being: Basic sentence of 15 years but not less than 10 years nor more than 20 years imprisonment and not more than \$12,500 fine.
3rd Degree Felony Resulting in the Death of a Human Being: Basic sentence of 6 years but not less than 4 years nor more than 8 years imprisonment and not more than \$15,000 fine.
2nd Degree Felony, Sexual Offense Against A Child: Basic sentence of 15 years imprisonment and not more than \$12,500 fine.
3rd Degree Felony, Sexual Offense Against A Child: Basic sentence of 6 years imprisonment and not more than \$5,000 fine.

OPEN CHARGE OF MURDER

Penalty for FIRST DEGREE MURDER (Willful and Deliberate) or (Depraved Mind)

CAPITAL FELONY: Life Imprisonment

SECOND DEGREE MURDER: Basic sentence of 15 years imprisonment and not more than \$12,500 fine.

VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER: Basic sentence of 6 years imprisonment and not more than \$15,000 fine.

INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER: 4th Degree Felony: Basic sentence of 18 months imprisonment and not more than \$5,000 fine.

Penalty for FIRST DEGREE MURDER (Felony Murder):

CAPITAL FELONY: Life Imprisonment

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Plaintiff,

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No. D-0202-CR-2013-001663

SHAROSKI BERNARD JACKSON,

Defendant.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Sharon L. Pino, Assistant Attorney General for the State of New Mexico, states:

The above-referenced Defendant is the same person convicted of the following crimes:

1. Georgia, 04/26/2005, Theft by Receiving Stolen Property, No. 05—R-49 District Court of Dougherty County.
2. New Mexico, 09/25/2007, Trafficking (by possession with intent to distribute cocaine) ash charged in CR 2007-01587, Possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) as charged in CR-2007-004307.
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And, therefore, the Defendant's sentence on the felonies in the above captioned cause be that for a Habitual Offender with three (3) prior felony convictions pursuant to Section 31-18-17(A), NMSA 1978, as amended, with an eight (8) year habitual offender enhancement for the following:

1. HUMAN TRAFFICKING (5049), contrary to Section 30-52-1(A)(2), NMSA 1978 as charged in Count I of the Grand Jury Indictment filed herein.
2. PROMOTING PROSTITUTION (0273), contrary to Section 30-09-04(E), NMSA 1978 as charged in Count II of the Grand Jury Indictment filed herein.
3. ACCEPTING EARNINGS OF A PROSTITUTE (0281), contrary to Section 30-9-4.1,

NMSA 1978 as charged in Count III of the Grand Jury Indictment filed herein.

4. CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF MINOR (1975), contrary to section 30-6-3,

NMSA 1978 as charged in Count IV of the Grand Jury Indictment filed herein.

5. CONSPIRACY (HUMAN TRAFFICKING) (5046), contrary to Section 30-28-02 and Section 30-52-1(A)(2), NMSA 1978 as charged in Count V of the Grand Jury Indictment filed herein.

IN THE ALTERNATIVE:

CONSPIRACY (PROMOTING PROSTITUTION) (0275), contrary to Section 30-28-02 and Section 30-9-4E, NMSA 1978 as charged in Count V of the Grand Jury Indictment filed herein.

IN THE ALTERNATIVE:

CONSPIRACY (CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF MINOR, (1977), contrary to Section 30-28-02 and Section 30-6-3 as charged in Count V of the Grand Jury Indictment filed herein.

Respectfully submitted,
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