

INTRODUCTION

We, the members of the Fiftieth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury, having received evidence pertaining to violations of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code which occurred in and around Bucks County, Pennsylvania pursuant to Notice of Submission of Investigation No. 45, do hereby make the following findings of fact and recommendation of charges:

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Grand Jury conducted an investigation into an organization operating in southeastern Pennsylvania that has generated hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual revenue through the promotion of prostitution and human trafficking. The organization was run by Terrance Jones, who operated under the name of "Julie" or "Julia," and was responsible for recruiting prostituted women as well as drivers who escorted the women to dates with commercial sex buyers (CSBs). During the course of the investigation, 25 individuals were identified as being employed by or associated with Jones' criminal enterprise.

Origin of Investigation

The criminal activity was first brought to the attention of law enforcement in June 2021, when a Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Organized Crime Unit trooper was contacted by a confidential informant (C.I.) who advised that he/she was aware that a young woman recently left a substance abuse sober home in south Philadelphia and was possibly being subjected to sexual exploitation and possible human trafficking. Within several hours of receiving that information, PSP troopers located the victim at a Philadelphia motel and, at her request, returned her to the sober home. The Grand Jury heard testimony that the victim was clearly both physically and mentally impaired at the time, apparently due to her having used controlled substances over the course of the preceding days.

The victim subsequently told members of law enforcement that while she was residing at the sober home, she conducted an internet search and obtained a telephone number for an escort service. She stated that when she called the number, she spoke to someone who sounded as if she was a female and referred to herself as "Julie" or "Julia." The victim relayed that "Julia" asked her to describe herself and then send pictures. "Julia" advised that a driver would pick her up and take her to various locations to go on "dates," or pre-arranged meetings with CSBs, in exchange for money. The victim told "Julia" that she was in a recovery house, to which "Julia" responded by informing her that the "guys" would have "party drugs" (referring to the CSBs being able to provide illegal controlled substances to her). The victim was instructed to give her driver \$125 in connection with each "date" to which she was taken, and she was advised that she would be able to collect \$200 to \$250 from each CSB for each hour of the "date." As far as setting up a "date," the victim explained that the CSBs would call the "agency" and then "Julia" would provide the victim with the telephone number of the CSB. She was instructed by "Julia" to call the CSB from the driver's telephone, which had a blocked number. "Julia" would then tell the victim whether to charge the buyer \$200 or \$250. The victim stated that whenever she was talking to "Julia," she could hear other telephones ringing in the background. The victim relayed that she went on multiple "dates" during her several days working for "Julia" and the "agency."

The victim recalled that the name of the driver who took her to the "dates" was "Tommy." "Tommy" was ultimately identified by investigators as Thomas Reilly. She stated that on the first night that he picked her up, he took her to four or five "dates." He then took her back to his home where he proceeded to force himself on her and rape her, telling her that since he was letting her stay at his house, he "need[ed] something in return." She also relayed that he sold her Xanax and

marijuana, and she overheard him on the telephone with "Julie," asking where he could obtain drugs. She expressed that she felt "trapped" and did not feel free to leave.

Subsequent Investigation

PSP subsequently launched a long-term, large-scale investigation into this sex trafficking organization led by Terrance Jones. They discovered that Jones operated this organization from his home located at 828 Disston Street in Philadelphia. Jones presented himself in virtually every conversation as a female with the created persona of "Julie." It was learned that except for a handful of individuals, no one was privy to Jones' true identity and he only communicated with others via telephone and online communications. The Grand Jury learned that Jones had operated this criminal enterprise since at least 2012.

Jones advertised numerous telephone numbers online for potential sex buyers to call to schedule sexual encounters with prostituted women at locations throughout southeastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Those telephone numbers were associated with several names for this organization: Girlfriends, Girlfriends G.F.E. and GFE Girlfriends (G.F.E. abbreviating the Girlfriend Experience). The buyers, once vetted by Jones, provided a telephone number. Jones would then direct one of the women to contact the CSB to arrange for the "date" (*i.e.* time, location, and price). Most of the prostituted women were then transported to the "date" by one of Jones' drivers, who included Reilly, James Rudolph, Joseph Franklin and Rhaheem Hill. There were several women, however, who had worked for Jones for a considerable period of time and were permitted to drive themselves to the "dates." A portion of the proceeds from each "date" was given to the drivers with the other portion being sent to Jones. The amount of money that the women could keep varied and depended upon the relationship they had with Jones. Jones received the money through cash drop offs and electronic money transfers. His adult daughter, Natoria Jones,

knowingly assisted in her father's enterprise by handling many of the electronic payments sent from the prostituted women and the drivers.

The Grand Jury learned that prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Jones had sex with the prostituted women as part of his "interview process." "Julie" would advise a woman who was new to the agency that she was going to the home of a long-time client who had already paid for the "date" electronically. One of his drivers would then transport the woman to Jones' home. After the "date" was over, "Julie" would then ask the woman how the "date" went. Through intercepted communications, it was discovered that Jones discussed these "dates" with Reilly, who was one of the few individuals who was aware of his actual identity. Once the pandemic set in, however, Jones no longer had sex with the prostituted women and instead simply connected them with the CSB.

In speaking with the prostituted women, investigators learned that virtually every woman employed by Jones suffered from varying forms of controlled substance dependency. In fact, Jones was aware of the dependency issues and, during an intercepted communication, informed a confidant that he could "wash em up" and make money with them. Jones exploited the chemical dependency in order to ensure that these women would return to work for him and his agency. Jones periodically recruited and had others recruit new women to engage in the commercial sex acts. This Grand Jury heard testimony from one such recruiter and listened to an intercepted call between her and Jones. During the call, she told Jones that she had found a "white girl" for him. The woman then put the "white girl" on the telephone to speak with Jones. Throughout the interception, it was clear that this woman was in an intoxicated state.

Investigators used numerous investigative techniques to further this case, including the use of two separate mobile tracking devices installed on vehicles utilized by Reilly, and pen registers

detailing incoming and outgoing telephone communications on seven different mobile telephones. Five telephones were utilized by Jones in the operation of his business and the other two telephones were utilized by Reilly in the course of his employment as a driver for the organization. Additionally, from January 20, 2023 through February 10, 2023, non-consensual interceptions were conducted with the authorization of a judge of the Pennsylvania Superior Court on these seven telephones. Through the interception of those communications, investigators were able to confirm that 83 “dates” were arranged, with 78 “dates” taking place, at the direction of Jones during that time period. These “dates” were identified through communications arranging for and confirming the meetings for sex, and corroborated by physical surveillance conducted by PSP troopers. During that time period, investigators were able to determine that there were 42 distinct CSBs, of which 21 were positively identified, and 15 different prostituted women associated with Jones’ organization.

The Terrance Jones Organization

Thomas Reilly

Investigators conducted all-night physical surveillance of Reilly where he was observed transporting women from “date” to “date.” In addition, investigators discovered that Reilly was a trusted confidant of Jones. Jones and Reilly’s intercepted calls revealed discussions about the business, as well as other matters. Reilly was also trusted to do physical drop-offs of money at Jones’ residence. Reilly “worked” Monday night through Friday night and would deliver the money owed to Jones early Saturday morning. For example, on January 28, 2023 (Saturday) at approximately 3:41 a.m., Jones utilized the 215-939-1192 communication facility to send a text message to 267-847-2171 (utilized by Reilly). The text message stated, “Your total is 1,200.” That same morning at approximately 4:17 a.m., Reilly drove down the alley behind 828 Disston Street and briefly met with Jones to turn in the collected fees.

Reilly was also the driver identified during the course of two separate undercover operations. In one operation, he transported an undercover trooper (acting as a prostituted woman) to another undercover trooper (acting as a buyer). In the second operation, Reilly transported a woman to a "date" with two undercover troopers.

James Harry William Rudolph

The Grand Jury heard testimony that Rudolph was a regular driver for Jones' criminal enterprise. There were numerous communications between Rudolph and Jones on Jones' communication facilities. On May 16, 2022, a trooper conducted a traffic stop in which Rudolph was identified as the driver. Rudolph explained that he owned and operated a private cab company and regularly drove people to and from the Kensington section of Philadelphia. Investigators confirmed that this so-called "private cab company" does not actually exist. After obtaining consent to search the vehicle, the following items were seized: hypodermic needle, a silver cap, single use cotton balls, an empty clear glassine Ziploc baggie, an unused hypodermic needle, and a blue rubber tie off. All of these items are consistent with a "shoot up kit" for injection of heroin.

On Tuesday August 30, 2022 at approximately 6:04 p.m., a trooper acting in an undercover capacity as a CSB contacted Jones at (215) 939-1192 to make arrangements for a woman to be sent to a Hampton Inn hotel in Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery County. At approximately 7:45 p.m., members of the surveillance team reported that a white female was observed entering the front door of the hotel. She had been dropped off in a newer model white/silver Chevrolet Malibu displaying California registration 8RAN729. A second white female passenger was also observed in the vehicle at that time. The car subsequently parked in an adjoining lot to the hotel and the driver and passenger remained in the vehicle. At approximately 8:03 p.m., members of the surveillance team reported that the female had left the trooper's hotel room. Investigators then

followed the Malibu when it pulled out of the parking lot. At approximately 10:34 p.m., troopers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle in Delaware County. Rudolph was identified as the driver. The two female passengers of the vehicle were also identified, one of whom was the woman who had a “date” with the undercover trooper that evening.

An analysis of Jones’ CashApp records revealed multiple transactions from Rudolph. There was also one transaction from the second female identified in the car stop on August 30, 2022. Between August 3, 2022 and November 10, 2022, Rudolph sent approximately \$21,296 through peer-to-peer (P2P) transactions to Jones. There were transactions on the CashApp records with subject “[second female] and jim” and also a transaction from the second female with subject “[second female] and jim.”

Joseph Franklin

The Grand Jury heard testimony that Franklin was a regular driver for Jones’ criminal enterprise. There were numerous communications between Franklin and Jones on Jones’ telephones. During intercepted text messages and calls, Franklin received directions from Jones and was observed by surveillance team members transporting women from “date” location to “date” location. Through testimony, undercover operations and the intercepted communications, it was determined that he kept a pre-determined portion of the proceeds as set by “Julie”.

Rhaheem Hill

Testimony revealed that Hill was another regular driver for Jones. There were numerous communications between Hill and Jones on Jones’ telephones. Through intercepted text messages and calls, the Grand Jury learned that Hill received directions from Jones. In one of the intercepted calls, Hill was heard referring to Jones as “boss.” Hill was also observed transporting women to and from “date” locations by members of the surveillance team. Through testimony, undercover

operations and the intercepted communications, it was determined that he kept a pre-determined portion of the proceeds as set by “Julie”.

Natoria Jones

The Grand Jury learned that Natoria Jones helped to facilitate the P2P electronic payments that were made to her father. During intercepted communications between January 20, 2023 and February 10, 2023, her father explained to her what money she should be receiving and instructed her on what to do with the money once it was received. For example, on January 23, 2023, Jones sent her the following text message: “Hey you should be getting 110 on cash app.” In a later telephone call, Jones instructed her to hold onto the \$110 until Thursday. Then, during a communication on January 28, 2023, Jones confirmed with her that her CashApp username was “Toria100” and informed her that she should be receiving \$200.

CSBs

Through the course of the investigation, troopers were able to identify 21 CSBs and documented specific dates where sex acts were performed by the women who worked for Jones. They were identified through telephone subscriber information, in-person voice identification, CashApp records, driver’s license information, self-identification on the telephone calls and/or other address-related records.

Once the initial contact was made by the prostituted woman, the CSB would then either pay the woman in cash or pay via a P2P payment (CashApp or Venmo). During the non-consensual intercepted communications, text messages revealed that many of these men were repeat buyers. From January 20, 2023 through February 10, 2023, arrangements for approximately 78 “dates” were made. At an average of \$250 per hour per “date”, the buyers spent approximately \$20,000 during that time period. The details of these “dates” (Meeting date, time, CSB’s name, telephone number, address and the prostituted woman’s working name) are set forth below, along with the

number of communications between the CSB and Jones' communication facilities. The communication for each of the "dates" was verified by physical surveillance of the prostituted woman arriving and leaving each location.

Joseph Szegila

1/20/2023	21:09	21:26	Joseph Szegila	Doylestown, Pa	"Vanessa"
1/21/2023	21:24	21:57	Joseph Szegila	Doylestown, Pa	"Kimmy"
1/25/2023	0:41	1:13	Joseph Szegila	Doylestown, Pa	"Kimmy"
1/25/2023	23:43	0:16	Joseph Szegila	Doylestown, Pa	S.B.
1/29/2023	21:21	21:49	Joseph Szegila	Doylestown, Pa	S.B.
1/30/2023	22:54	23:47	Joseph Szegila	Doylestown, Pa	"Kimmy"
1/31/2023	23:54	0:22	Joseph Szegila	Doylestown, Pa	S.T.
2/2/2023	22:08	23:09	Joseph Szegila	Doylestown, Pa	"Vanessa"
2/4/2023	21:16	21:44	Joseph Szegila	Doylestown, Pa	"Mimi"
2/6/2023	23:14	23:38	Joseph Szegila	Doylestown, Pa	"Mimi"

483 total communications from January 18, 2023 through August 14, 2023.

Christopher Wood

1/23/2023	1:43	2:12	Christopher Wood	Brookhaven, Pa	"Vanessa"
1/24/2023	2:07	2:50	Christopher Wood	Brookhaven, Pa	"Vanessa"
1/25/2023	2:09	2:56	Christopher Wood	Brookhaven, Pa	"Kimmy"
1/28/2023	22:58	23:36	Christopher Wood	Brookhaven, Pa	"Angel"

338 total communications from June 3, 2022 through October 16, 2023.

Steven Osborne

1/27/2023	1:40	2:02	Steven Osborne	Southampton, Pa	"Vanessa"(Buyer no\$)
1/27/2023	21:30	0:22	Steven Osborne	Southampton, Pa	"Vanessa"

10 total communications on January 27, 2023

Pasquale DiFelice

1/20/2023			Pasquale DiFelice	Newtown Square, Pa	"Vanessa"
1/31/2023	21:45	22:50	Pasquale DiFelice	Newtown Square, Pa	"Vanessa"

819 total communications from September 3, 2021 through November 22, 2023

Steven May

1/21/2023	0:59	1:55	Stephen May	Avondale, Pa	"Vanessa"
1/31/2023	1:20	3:10	Stephen May	Avondale, Pa	"Kimmy"
2/4/2023	0:37	1:41	Stephen May	Avondale, Pa	"Angel"

291 total communications from April 27, 2022 through September 21, 2023

Michael Bonczak

1/23/2023	0:36	1:02	Mike Bonczak	Fort Washington, Pa	"Vanessa"
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107 total communications from August 5, 2021 through August 19, 2023.

Brian Smith

1/25/2023	21:54	23:56	Brian Smith	Pottstown, Pa	"Kimmy"
1/29/2023	22:03	0:04	Brian Smith	Pottstown, Pa	"Vanessa"

58 total communications from May 17, 2021 through February 5, 2023

Christopher Bello

1/25/2023	22:25	23:02	Chris Bello	Roadway Inn, 969 Bethlehem Pk, #106	S.B.
2/7/2023	19:52	20:23	Chris Bello	Norristown, Pa	S.B.

27 total communications from October 23, 2021 through February 4, 2023

Jonathan Fellenz

2/2/2023	2:15	2:30	Jonathan Fellenz	Doylestown, Pa	S.B.
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24 total communications from December 18, 2022 through February 2, 2023

Robert Brutsche

2/3/2023	0:53	1:53	Robert Brutsche	Brookhaven, Pa	"Vanessa"
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168 total communications from July 24, 2022 through February 3, 2023

Kevin Bullock

2/3/2023	3:27	4:02	Kevin Bullock	Red Roof, 2017 N. Reading Rd, Denver, Pa	"Vanessa"
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222 total communications from May 13, 2022 through September 3, 2023

Boris Volansky

2/4/2023	23:38	0:20	Boris Volansky	Bensalem, Pa	"Sam"
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361 total communications from March 26, 2022 through September 23, 2023

Brian Nice

1/24/2023	0:08	1:08	Brian Nice	Pennsburg, Pa	"Vanessa"
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79 total communications from April 28, 2022 through January 31, 2023

Gary Ames

1/31/2023	20:32	21:12	Gary Ames	Bala Cynwd, Pa	"Vanessa"
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50 total communications from July 27, 2021 through January 31, 2023

Grady Durham

2/5/2023	21:56	22:28	Grady Durham	Philadelphia, Pa	"Mimi"
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175 total communications from September 6, 2021 through July 22, 2023

Gregory Doto

2/7/2023	22:33	23:10	Gregory Doto	Trappe, Pa	"Gina"
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17 total communications from August 3, 2021 through September 12, 2023