State of Minnesota County of Hennepin

District Court 4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

20A06505 27-CR-20-12810

State of Minnesota,

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff.

Warrant

VS.

KEVIN LEE ANTHONY DOB: 01/01/1985

119 ARLINGTON STREET #105 ST PAUL, MN 55117

Defendant.

The Complainant submits this complaint to the Court and states that there is probable cause to believe Defendant committed the following offense(s):

COUNT I

Charge: Promotes Prostitution of an Individual

Minnesota Statute: 609.322.1a(2), with reference to: 609.322.1(b)(4), 609.322.1a

Maximum Sentence: 15 YEARS AND/OR \$40,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/20/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20002677

Charge Description: That between February 20, 2020 and March 22, 2020, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Kevin Lee Anthony, born 01/01/1985, while acting other than as a prostitute or patron, did intentionally promote the prostitution of an individual, to-wit: Victim 1.

COUNT II

Charge: Receives Profits From Prostitution

Minnesota Statute: 609.322.1a(3), with reference to: 609.322.1(b)(4), 609.322.1a

Maximum Sentence: 25 YEARS AND/OR \$60,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/20/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20002677

Charge Description: That between February 20, 2020 and March 22, 2020, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Kevin Lee Anthony received profit knowing or having reason to know that it was derived from prostitution, or the promotion of the prostitution, of an individual, to wit: of Victim 1.

COUNT III

Charge: Promotes Prostitution of an Individual

Minnesota Statute: 609.322.1a(2), with reference to: 609.322.1(b)(4), 609.322.1a

Maximum Sentence: 25 YEARS AND/OR \$60,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/20/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20002677

Charge Description: That between February 20, 2020 and March 22, 2020, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Kevin Lee Anthony, born 01/01/1985, while acting other than as a prostitute or patron, did intentionally promote the prostitution of an individual, to wit: Victim 2.

COUNT IV

Charge: Criminal Sex Conduct-3rd Degree-Force or Coercion

Minnesota Statute: 609.344.1(c), with reference to: 609.101.2, 609.3455.10, 609.3455.6, 609.344.2(1) Maximum Sentence: 15 YEARS AND/OR \$10,000-\$30,000 PLUS 10 YEAR CONDITIONAL RELEASE

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/20/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20002677

Charge Description: That between February 20, 2020 and March 13, 2020, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Kevin Lee Anthony engaged in sexual penetration with Victim 1, using force or coercion to accomplish the penetration.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Complainant has investigated the facts and circumstances of this offense and believes the following establishes probable cause:

On or about March 13, 2020, Bloomington Police Officer Bartylla located a commercial sex advertisement on Mega personals, a website known to be commonly used to solicit and promote prostitution. The ad depicted multiple photos of a known adult female, hereinafter referred to as Victim 1, and advertised that Victim 1 had "dropped her prices" and invited "fellas' to "cum to me an enjoy a happy ending." The photos in the ad did not appear to be self-captured.

Officers texted the number listed in the ad and asked if she was available. After it was indicated that she was available, it was stated that the price for a "hh incall" (half hour of service where the patron goes to the prostitute's location) was \$100. Ultimately, officers were given a location for the sex for money exchange to occur at 4201 American Boulevard West in Bloomington, Hennepin County, State of Minnesota, which officers knew to be the address of the American Hotel.

Officers thereafter arrived at the hotel and observed a female, recognized to be Victim 1 from the ad photos, outside the main entrance doors to the hotel. Victim 1 was accompanied by a male, who was later identified as KEVIN LEE ANTHONY (DOB: 1/1/1985), Defendant herein. Officers made contact with the two. Victim 1 was advised that the officer was the person she had been texting with. Victim 1 stated that she "don't even text" and she "don't even got a phone." Victim 1 claimed that she had been working as a prostitute for only a couple days, and she identified Defendant as her "boyfriend." Victim stated that she performs "sex" for money, but that she did not even have her phone with her as it was in the hotel room.

While Victim 1 was speaking with an officer, Defendant began yelling at Victim 1 "you better stop crying, soldier up! Don't say shit! Keep quiet! Stop talking!" Victim 1 then claimed that Defendant does not know anything about her prostituting. Victim 1 was shaking heavily while speaking with the officer. Victim 1 advised that their hotel room was 118, and Defendant yelled at Victim 1 "Don't give them permission to go into your room!" Victim 1 began crying and told the officer she wanted to retrieve her stuff from the hotel room.

Officers accompanied Victim 1 to room 118. Victim 1 grabbed an unlabeled prescription bottle, which was later found to contain a small plastic baggie containing 2.05 grams of a white powdery substance that tested positive for cocaine and a small plastic baggy containing 17 colored pills that tested positive for amphetamine. Victim 1 claimed that the substances "ain't mine, I promise you." Officers also observed multiple unused condoms in the nightstand drawer. Victim 1 stated that she and Defendant had been staying in the room for the night.

Defendant and Victim 1 were placed under arrest. Officers collected Defendant's cell phone from his person as well as a hotel room key and \$460 cash.

While at the jail, officers called the number listed in the ad which they had earlier texted with and Defendant's cell phone began ringing with the officer's number displayed on its screen.

While at the jail, officers spoke with Victim 1 who advised that she met Defendant approximately ten years earlier and the two had recently reconnected in February 2020 and started dating. Victim 1 stated that she started working as a prostitute by posting ads on Mega personals, and that Defendant's phone number was used in the ads. Victim 1 advised that her only source of income was by performing sex acts for money and that Defendant was aware of this. Victim 1 stated that she paid for everything for herself and

Defendant, including the hotel room at the Americann. Victim 1 stated that when she sees a prostitution patron, Defendant leaves the room and Victim 1 sends him a text that she is ok. Defendant then holds onto her money. Victim 1 stated that the cocaine in the room was hers, but that a "friend" left the pills in the hotel room.

In a post-Miranda interview, Defendant admitted that he is currently on parole for a Third-Degree Narcotics charge involving methamphetamine and "molly" (ecstasy) from Ramsey County that he had served prison for. Defendant stated that he has known Victim 1 for ten years and they started dating 17 days ago. Defendant denied that anything in the hotel room was his. Defendant then declined to speak further and requested an attorney.

Victim 1 was released from custody and she went to Regions Hospital on March 14, 2020. A sexual assault examination was performed. Victim 1 spoke with law enforcement and advised that she had initially agreed with Defendant to try prostitution, but after a few days changed her mind. Defendant had threatened to "whoop her ass." Victim 1 reported that Defendant had sexually assaulted her several times, had forced her to use drugs, had physically assaulted her and had threatened to hunt her down and kill her if she left him. Victim 1 reported that she had been "relieved" to be arrested because she knew it was over and she could return home. Victim 1 agreed to meet with law enforcement to provide further details at a later date.

Victim 1 met with law enforcement again on March 17, 2020 and advised that, after she and Defendant had recently reconnected, she agreed to try prostitution at Defendant's suggestion as Defendant wanted to stop selling crack-cocaine. Victim 1 advised that the first prostitution ad that Defendant placed was on or about February 22 or 23, 2020, and that Defendant always posted on Mega personals and used his cell phone number. She stated that Defendant used an email account he had set up on his phone with "Rose" in the email address to post, and that he used "Rose" as her name in the ads. Victim 1 stated that the photos used in the ads were taken by Defendant, and that Defendant used his phone to text potential customers and set up appointments. Victim 1 estimated that from February 22 to March 13, 2020, she had probably seen 200 or more males for sex for money exchanges. Defendant set the prices and took the money. Defendant also kept control of her phone and monitored any use of her phone by Victim 1. Victim 1 admitted that the cocaine and ecstasy in the hotel room belonged to Defendant and that Defendant made her use cocaine or ecstasy every day. Defendant also made her use heroin on occasion and threatened her if she did not. Victim 1 reported that Defendant had sexually assaulted her on three occasions during their time together, had hit her in the face multiple times, bit her, and had repeatedly threatened her when she said she wanted to stop prostituting and return home. Victim 1 stated that Defendant had access to a firearm that he carried for a couple days before storing the gun at his sister's residence.

Victim 1 also advised officers about another known female, hereinafter Victim 2, who also worked as a prostitute for Defendant. Victim 2 had recently given birth to Defendant's child but had continued working as a prostitute for Defendant while she had been pregnant. Victim 2 had been present in a hotel room with Victim 1 and Defendant and had asked Defendant "why you going easy on her, how come you don't beat on her like you do on me?"

On March 18, 2020, Defendant called officers from a phone number which was used in Mega personals commercial sex advertisements and which advertised sexual contact with a pregnant prostitute. Officers observed the photos used in those ads and recognized the woman depicted therein as Victim 2. That same number was also used in ads posted on March 21, 2020, and which contained pictures appearing to be of Victim 2.

Officers obtained a search warrant and did a forensic evaluation of Defendant's phone. One contact number in Defendant's phone was linked to prostitution ads from March 3, 2020 to March 10, 2020 involving Victim 2. Officers located numerous text messages between Defendant and Victim 1 between

March 9, 2020 and March 13, 2020 and other SMS messages, between March 13 and March 14, 2020 that appear prostitution-related (incoming messages asking about availability and rates). Officers also located numerous photos of Victim 1, which appeared to be the same photos used in the commercial sex ads involving Victim 1, as well as commercial sex ads involving Victim 1 posted between Match 7 and March 14, 2020. Further, officers located numerous videos of Defendant and Victims 1 and 2, some of which appear to be made for recruiting potential clients of prostitution and some which capture discussion of commercial sex activities by Defendant.

Defendant has prior felony convictions for Assault in the Second Degree (62-K3-03-0018) from 9/18/2003 in Ramsey County, Crime Benefitting a Gang (62-K0-06-000464) from 6/2/2006 in Ramsey County, Prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm (62-K2-06-002099) from Ramsey County, Simple Robbery (62-CR-12-5940) from 12/12/12 in Ramsey County and 3rd Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance (82-CR-16-2666) from 8/17/17 in Washington County. Defendant also has a conviction for False Information to Police from 5/15/2016 (19-WS-CR-15-11278). Defendant poses a danger to public safety and to the victims, and a warrant is requested.

SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS

Complainant requests that Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release, be:

(1) arrested or that other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court; or

(2) detained, if already in custody, pending further proceedings; and that said Defendant otherwise be dealt with according to law.

Complainant declares under penalty of perjury that everything stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116; Minn. R. Crim. P. 2.01, subds. 1, 2.

Complainant Heather Jensen

Police Officer

1800 W Old Shakopee Road

Bloomington, MN 55431

Badge: 290

Electronically Signed: 06/01/2020 03:05 PM

Hennepin County, Minnesota

Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

Prosecuting Attorney Tara C. Ferguson Lopez

300 S 6th St

Minneapolis, MN 55487

(612) 348-5550

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FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

From the above sworn facts, and any supporting affidavits or supplemental sworn testimony, I, the Issuing Officer, have determined that probable cause exists to support, subject to bail or conditions of release where applicable, Defendant's arrest or other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court, or Defendant's detention, if already in custody, pending further proceedings. Defendant is therefore charged with the above-stated offense(s).

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Judicial Officer Luis Bartolomei District Court Judge		Electronically Signed: 06/01/2020 03:18 PM					
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Plaintiff			LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE				

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Warra upon the Defendant herein named.

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

VS.

Kevin Lee Anthony

Defendant

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

119 ARLINGTON STREET

Kevin Lee Anthony

01/01/1985

#105

	ST PAUL, MN 55117		
Alias Names/DOB:			
SID:	MN03012945		
Height:			
Weight:			
Eye Color:			
Hair Color:			
Gender:	MALE		
Race:	Black		
Fingerprints Required per Statute:	Yes		
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:	Yes		
Driver's License #:			

 Case Scheduling Information:
 RUSH WARRANT REQUESTED: Defendant has prior felony convictions

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for Assault in the Second Degree, a crime benefitting a gang, Aid/Abet Prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm, Aid/Abet Simple Robbery and Third-Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance. Defendant poses a danger to public safety and to the Victims, and a warrant is requested.

Alcohol Concentration:

SILS Person ID #:

SILS Tracking No.

Name:

DOB:

Address:

STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

Cnt Nbr	Statute Type	Offense Date(s)	Statute Nbrs and Descriptions	Offense Level	МОС	GOC	Controlling Agencies	Case Numbers
1	Charge	2/20/2020	609.322.1a(2) Promotes Prostitution of an Individual	Felony	Z1383		MN0270100	20002677
	Penalty	2/20/2020	609.322.1a Solicit/Induce/Promote Prostitution, Se Trafficking	Felony x	Z1383		MN0270100	20002677
	Penalty	2/20/2020	609.322.1(b)(4) Enhanced Penalty - Offense involved more than one sex trafficking victim	Felony	Z1383		MN0270100	20002677
2	Charge	2/20/2020	609.322.1a(3) Receives Profits From Prostitution	Felony	Z1583		MN0270100	20002677
	Penalty	2/20/2020	609.322.1a Solicit/Induce/Promote Prostitution, Se Trafficking	Felony x	Z1583		MN0270100	20002677
	Penalty	2/20/2020	609.322.1(b)(4) Enhanced Penalty - Offense involved more than one sex trafficking victim	Felony	Z1583		MN0270100	20002677
3	Charge	2/20/2020	609.322.1a(2) Promotes Prostitution of an Individual	Felony	Z1383		MN0270100	20002677
	Penalty	2/20/2020	609.322.1a Solicit/Induce/Promote Prostitution, Se Trafficking	Felony	Z1383		MN0270100	20002677
	Penalty	2/20/2020	609.322.1(b)(4) Enhanced Penalty - Offense involved more than one sex trafficking victim	Felony	Z1383		MN0270100	20002677
4	Charge	2/20/2020	609.344.1(c) Criminal Sex Conduct-3rd Degree-Force or Coercion	Felony	L5377		MN0270100	20002677
	Definition	2/20/2020	609.3455.6 Dangerous Sex Offenders - Ten Year Conditional Release	No-Level	L5377		MN0270100	20002677
	Penalty	2/20/2020	609.344.2(1) Criminal Sexual Conduct-3rd Degree-Penalty	Felony	L5377		MN0270100	20002677
	Definition	2/20/2020	609.101.2 Minimum Fines – Victim Assistance Programs	No-Level	L5377		MN0270100	20002677
	Definition	2/20/2020	609.3455.10 Dangerous Sex Offenders - Presumptive Executed Sentence for Repeat Sex Offenders	No-Level	L5377		MN0270100	20002677