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Number SGJ713-18-9

Superior Court

Docket Number 18-04-00058 S

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)

v.)

ORDER OF VENUE

ASHLEY GARDENER)

and)

BREON MICKENS)

An Indictment having been returned to this Court by the State Grand Jury in the above captioned matter,

IT IS ORDERED on this 11th day of April, 2018, pursuant to paragraph 8 of the State Grand Jury Act, that the County of Mercer be and hereby is designated as the County of venue for the purpose of trial.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall transmit forthwith the Indictment in this matter and a certified copy of this Order to the Criminal Division Manager of the County of Mercer for filing.



Peter E. Warshaw, J.S.C.

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INDICTMENT

ASHLEY GARDENER)

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BREON MICKENS)

The Grand Jurors of and for the State of New Jersey, upon their oaths, present that:

COUNT ONE

(Conspiracy - First Degree)

ASHLEY GARDENER

and

BREON MICKENS

who are named as defendants herein, and other individuals whose identities are unknown to the Grand Jurors, who are named as co-conspirators but not as defendants herein, between on or about December 27, 2017, and on or about January 11, 2018, at the Townships of Lawrence and Ewing, both in the County of Mercer, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, with the purpose of promoting

or facilitating the commission of the crimes of human trafficking, facilitating human trafficking, promoting prostitution, and promoting organized street crime, did agree together that:

A. One or more of them knowingly would engage in conduct which would constitute the aforesaid crimes, or

B. One or more of them knowingly would aid in the planning, solicitation or commission of said crimes, that is:

1. Knowingly hold, recruit, lure, entice, harbor, transport, provide or obtain, by any means, a child under 18 years of age, to engage in sexual activity, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:13-8a(3);

2. Knowingly provide services, resources, or assistance, including financial support, business services, lodging, and transportation, to another with the knowledge that the services, resources, or assistance were intended to be used in furtherance of the commission of the crime of human trafficking, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:13-8, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:13-9a(1);

3. Knowingly promote prostitution of a child under 18, contrary to N.J.S.A. 2C:34-1b(3), and;

4. Knowingly conspire with others as an organizer, supervisor, financier or manager to promote prostitution, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:33-30;

All in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2, and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT TWO

(Human Trafficking - First Degree)

ASHLEY GARDENER

and

BREON MICKENS

between on or about December 27, 2017, and on or about January 11, 2018, at the Townships of Lawrence and Ewing, both in the County of Mercer, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, knowingly did hold, recruit, lure, entice, harbor, transport, provide or obtain, a child under 18 years of age, that is, Jane Doe, born May 28, 2000, to engage in sexual activity, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:13-8a(3), N.J.S.A. 2C:2-6, and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT THREE

(Facilitating Human Trafficking - Second Degree)

ASHLEY GARDENER

and

BREON MICKENS

between on or about December 27, 2017, and on or about January 11, 2018, at the Townships of Lawrence and Ewing, both in the County of Mercer, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, knowingly did provide services, resources, or assistance, including financial support, business services, lodging, and transportation, to another with knowledge that the services, resources, or assistance were intended to be used in furtherance of the commission of the crime of human trafficking in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:13-8, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:13-9a(1), N.J.S.A. 2C:2-6, and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT FOUR

(Promoting Prostitution - First Degree)

ASHLEY GARDENER

and

BREON MICKENS

between on or about December 27, 2017, and on or about January 11, 2018, at the Townships of Lawrence and Ewing, both in the County of Mercer, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, knowingly did promote the prostitution of a child under 18, that is, Jane Doe, born May 28, 2000, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:34-1b(3), N.J.S.A. 2C:2-6, and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT FIVE

(Promoting Organized Street Crime - First Degree)

ASHLEY GARDENER

between on or about December 27, 2017, and on or about January 11, 2018, at the Townships of Lawrence and Ewing, both in the County of Mercer, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did conspire with others as an organizer, supervisor, financier or manager to promote prostitution, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:34-1b(3), contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:33-30, N.J.S.A. 2C:2-6, and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT SIX

(Advertising Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor - First Degree)

ASHLEY GARDENER

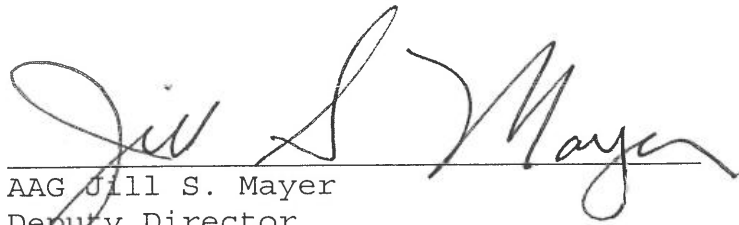
on or about December 24, 2017, and on or about January 10, 2018, at the Townships of Lawrence and Ewing, both in the County of Mercer, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, knowingly did publish, disseminate, or display, or cause directly or indirectly, to be published, disseminated, or displayed, an advertisement for a commercial sex act, which was to take place in this State and which included the depiction of a minor, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:13-10b(1), and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT SEVEN


(Endangering Welfare of Children - Second Degree)

ASHLEY GARDENER

on or about December 24, 2017, and on or about January 10, 2018, at the Townships of Lawrence and Ewing, both in the County of Mercer, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, knowingly did distribute, by any means, including, but not limited to, the Internet, items depicting the sexual exploitation or abuse of a child under 18 years of age, that is, Jane Doe, born May 28, 2000, as defined by N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(1), contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(5)(a)(i), and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.


AAG Jill S. Mayer
Deputy Director
NJ Division of Criminal Justice

A TRUE BILL:

Deputy 
Foreperson

Date: 4/11/2018