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To: Members of the Media

From: District Attorney Jason Smith

Re: Wilmington man convicted for running a sex trafficking and prostitution operation

Christopher Todd Evans, 41, was sentenced today to serve between 300 and 540 months for sex trafficking and running a prostitution enterprise.

Evans operated an escorting website and business for over a decade between 2010 and 2022 initially called Cape Fear Entertainers and later called Cape Fear Escorts. Evans rented office space in downtown Wilmington and made victims sign bogus "contracts" promising not to engage in sex trafficking and prostitution. The investigation revealed that through Cape Fear Escorts, Evans prostituted more than 200 adult and minor females.

Cape Fear Escorts was a front for human trafficking and prostitution and Evans used manipulation, control, threats, and occasionally violence to coerce women to prostitute and give him their earnings. He intimidated victims and made them believe that he had connections that would look out for him and that no one would ever help them. Evans's exploitation and abuse left countless women struggling with addiction, trauma, and pain. An exhaustive joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office corroborated the victims' accounts.

Connie Jordan, the Assistant District Attorney assigned to prosecute the State charges, stated, "These crimes are difficult to bring to light as the victims very rarely come forward. I have been amazed at the strength and determination of these young women who were willing to share their experiences."

When released from prison, these convictions will require Evans to register as a sexual offender with the NC Sex Offender and Public Protection Registry for a period of thirty years.

Christopher Todd Evans