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RE: Legislative Report on Human Trafficking FY 23

-Sex Trafficking Cases-

Investigations but no cases opened: 115

Cases Opened: 40

Prosecution Requested: 34 (33 State, 1 Fed)

Cases charged, but no trial yet: 9

-Labor Trafficking Cases-

Investigations but no case opened: 3

Cases Opened: 2

Prosecution Requested: 0

In FY23, the Montana Division of Criminal Investigation (MDCI), Human Trafficking Unit (HTU) conducted a total of 155 Commercial Sex investigations. Of those, 115 did not bear enough evidence to open an official investigation but required some level of time to vet them. Of those investigations, 40 contained enough evidence to justify opening an official investigation with 34 of those cases being provided to prosecution; 33 at the State level, and 1 at the Federal level.

As it pertains to Labor Trafficking cases, the Human Trafficking Unit conducted a total of five investigations. Three of them were not officially open and two were. In FY23, no cases have been sent to prosecution at this time and are still under investigation.

In FY23, there were three (3) Federal convictions from cases that were led by the MDCI, HTU and they are as follows:

- Ashley Stella, sentenced on October 12, 2022, to eight (8) years in prison to be followed by five (5) years of supervised release for the charge of transportation of a minor to engage in prostitution.
- Angelo Stackhouse, sentenced on October 27, 2022, to Life in prison plus seven (7) years w/ no possibility of parole for the charges of transportation of a person with intent to engage in illegal sexual activity, distribution

of cocaine to a person under the age of 21, distribution of cocaine and methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense and two counts of kidnapping.

- Cecil Hatchett, sentenced on May 4, 2023, to five (5) years in prison to be followed by three (3) years of supervised release for the charge of transportation of a person with intent to engage in prostitution.

In FY23, all cases submitted for state prosecution are still pending within the court systems.

The below Human Trafficking cases were charged, but have not gone to trial yet:

- Nathan McKee Dongilli, charged with Sexual Abuse of Children and Solicitation of Child Prostitution (15-year-old female persona) (State Court)
- Mark Samuel Baker (*Former police officer/current federal FEMA employee*), charged with Attempted Sex Trafficking of a Minor (15-year-old female persona). Trial is set for the beginning of September 18, 2023. (Federal Court)
- Jordan Austin Carr, charged with Sexual Abuse of Children and Solicitation of Child Prostitution (15-year-old persona). Trial was set to begin September 5, 2023; change of plea is expected prior to trial. **UPDATE 9/12/23:** Defendant changed his plea to Sexual Abuse of Children. (State Court)
- Joshua Allen Moran (*Registered Sex Offender/Federal Supervision*), **pending charges**. AUSA states they are forthcoming. Defendant already in federal custody on other charges – Sex Trafficking of a Minor (actual 16-year-old female victim traded sex for alcohol). (Federal Court)
- Alan Brodie Moon, charged with Sexual Abuse of Children and Solicitation of Child Prostitution (14-year-old female persona). Pending; trial date unknown. (State Court)
- Bradley Thompson (*State Probation*), charged with Sexual Abuse of Children; Child Prostitution (at least two (2) 15–16-year-old female victims); CDDD. Pending; trial date unknown. (State Court)
- David Charles William (*State Probation*), charged with Sexual Abuse of Children; Solicit Child Prostitution (12-year-old female persona); Witness Tampering. Pending; trial date unknown. (State Court)
- Russell Arthur Dwyer, Jr., charged with Sexual Abuse of Children; Solicit Child Prostitution (14-year-old female persona). Pending; trial date unknown. (State Court)
- Neal Andrew Melville, charged with Sexual Abuse of Children; Solicit Child Prostitution (14-year-old female persona). Pending; trial date unknown. (State Court)