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Greenville Man Sentenced on Human Trafficking Charge

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that JEFFREY KYLE JONES, age 47, pled guilty on May 11, 2017 to Human Trafficking where the Victim is under 18 YOA and sentenced to 15 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Letitia Verdin. JEFFREY KYLE JONES was sentenced to a concurrent 15 year sentence for a charge of Distribution of Heroin that also occurred in Greenville County.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Lisa Bentley Parrish established that on July 9, 2014, JEFFREY KYLE JONES was arrested after the 17 year old victim came to law enforcement for help. The victim met Jones through her classmate who was dating Mr. Jones's son at the time. Jones approached the victim about working as a prostitute to earn extra money and promised to keep the victim safe while she worked out of his house in Greenville County. Jones had the victim "audition" for him by performing sex acts and then posted her photograph to Backpage.com. Jones took the money from the victim's prostitution acts.