

45-year old Massachusetts man indicted for sex trafficking by force

“A federal grand jury returned a four-count indictment today charging an Everett man with sex trafficking four female victims.

Trevor Jones, 45, was indicted on four counts of sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion. Jones was arrested on related state charges on March 23, 2023 and has remained in state custody since. He will appear in federal court in Boston at a later date.

“The allegations against Mr. Jones are incredibly serious and disturbing. As alleged, he specifically targeted victims suffering with substance use disorder, intensified their drug dependency to gain control, violently forced them to engage in sex acts for his own profit and, in some instances, used sexual violence to ensure their compliance,” said United States Attorney Rachael S. Rollins. “Sex trafficking is a very real and present threat in our Commonwealth. Every single day, Massachusetts residents are being subjected to unimaginable harm and trauma at the hands of traffickers. My office has dedicated substantial resources and created a dedicated team of prosecutors to combat this horrific conduct, hold traffickers accountable and bring justice to victims and survivors of these awful crimes.”

“The conduct we allege in this case is horrific. Trevor Jones is accused of preying on, drugging, and sexually victimizing women for his own financial gain. No human being should ever be lured into servitude, exploited, and forced to live their lives in fear where escape seems all but impossible, but that’s exactly what we believe happened here,” said Joseph R.

Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division. "The resiliency his victims have shown is commendable, and as a result, Jones will now face justice. Make no mistake, FBI Boston's Child Exploitation – Human Trafficking Task Force will do everything in its power to help them get the services they need to heal."

According to the charging documents, Jones ran a sex trafficking operation targeting victims who were suffering from substance use disorder. As part of his sex trafficking operation, Jones allegedly provided his victims with controlled substances, including heroin, fentanyl and cocaine to intensify their drug dependence and gain their compliance, while prohibiting the victims from obtaining controlled substances from other sources. He also routinely confiscated their identifications and other personal items to impede their ability to leave. Jones required victims to earn a daily quota and provide him with all the proceeds from their commercial sex acts. Jones allegedly enforced his requirements by punishing victims with acts of violence, threats of violence and withholding controlled substance from drug-dependent victims.

The charge of sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years and up to life in prison, at least five years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

U.S. Attorney Rollins; FBI SAC Bonavolonta; John E. Mawn, Jr., Interim Colonel of the Massachusetts State Police; and Essex County District Attorney Paul F. Tucker made the announcement today. Valuable assistance was provided by the Revere and Boston Police Departments. Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Riley, Chief of Rollins's Civil Rights and Human Trafficking Unit is prosecuting the case along with Essex County Assistant

District Attorneys Jessica Strasnick and Marina Moriarty, who are serving as Special Assistant United States Attorneys.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.”-Massachusetts Department of Justice.