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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. André M. Espinosa  
v. :  
 : Mag. No. 24-11282  
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DESTINY TAMARATO and :  
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DAQUAN MCCALLUM : **CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

I, Maurice Polen, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

**SEE ATTACHMENT A**

I further state that I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

**SEE ATTACHMENT B**

Continued on the attached page and made a part hereof:

*/s/ Maurice Polen*

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Special Agent Maurice Polen  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Special Agent Polen attested to this Complaint by telephone pursuant to F.R.C.P. 4.1 on November 12, 2024

HONORABLE ANDRÉ M. ESPINOSA  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

*/s/ André M. Espinosa (LDK)*  
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Signature of Judicial Officer

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Count One**

(Sex Trafficking of a Minor)

From in or around April 2020 through on or about April 2021, in Union County and Monmouth County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

**DESTINY TAMARATO,**

did knowingly, in and affecting interstate commerce, recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, obtain, advertise, maintain, patronize, and solicit, by any means, Minor Victim-1, after having had a reasonable opportunity to observe Minor Victim-1, and in knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that Minor Victim-1 had not attained the age of 18 years and would be caused to engage in a commercial sex act.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1591(a)(1), (b)(2), and (c).

**Count Two**

(Sex Trafficking of a Minor)

From in or around December 2020 through on or about September 2021, in Union County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

**DAQUAN MCCALLUM,**

did knowingly, in and affecting interstate commerce, recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, obtain, advertise, maintain, patronize, and solicit, by any means, Minor Victim-1, after having had a reasonable opportunity to observe Minor Victim-1, and in knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that Minor Victim-1 had not attained the age of 18 years and would be caused to engage in a commercial sex act.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1591(a)(1), (b)(2), and (c).

**Count Three**

(Conspiracy to Engage in Sex Trafficking of a Minor)

From in or around December 2020 through on or about September 2021, in Union County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendants,

**DESTINY TAMARATO, and  
DAQUAN MCCALLUM,**

did knowingly and intentionally conspire and agree with each other to recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, obtain, advertise, maintain, patronize, and solicit, by any means, in and affecting interstate commerce, Minor Victim-1, after having had a reasonable opportunity to observe Minor Victim-1, and in knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that Minor Victim-1 had not attained the age of 18 years and would be caused to engage in a commercial sex act, contrary to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1591(a)(1), (b)(2), and (c).

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1594.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

I, Maurice T. Polen, am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) and have been since 2015. I am fully familiar with the facts set forth herein based on my own investigation, my conversations with other law enforcement officers, and my review of reports, documents, and items of evidence. Where statements of others are relayed herein, they are relayed in substance and part. Because this Complaint is being submitted for the sole purpose of establishing probable cause, I have not set forth each and every fact that I know concerning this investigation. Where I assert that an event took place on a particular date, I am asserting that it took place on or about the date alleged.

1. Starting in or around 2022, the FBI has been investigating Destiny Tamarato (“Tamarato”) and Daquan McCallum (“McCallum”) for engaging in sex trafficking of minors.

### ***The April 2020 Arrest***

2. On or about April 28, 2020, members of the Elizabeth Police Department were investigating prostitution in the area of a motel located on Spring Street in Elizabeth, New Jersey (“Motel-1”). As part of the investigation, law enforcement searched various websites known for having advertisements for sexual acts. Law enforcement located one such advertisement entitled “Pull up on me,” which contained the text “I have a sexy friend too,” four sexually motivated photos, and a phone number ending in 2591 (the “2591 Number”). Law enforcement contacted the 2591 Number via text message and began communicating with an individual who agreed to provide sexual services at Motel-1 for an agreed-upon price of \$160. While en route to Motel-1, law enforcement spoke to the user of the 2591 Number, who sounded like a woman with a raspy voice. During the phone call, the woman asked law enforcement to bring condoms to the Motel-1.

3. Upon arrival at Motel-1, an individual using the 2591 Number directed law enforcement to Room 430. Upon arrival to Room 430, law enforcement saw a woman, later identified as Tamarato, answer the door. Once inside Room 430, law enforcement called the 2591 Number and confirmed the number was associated with a phone in Tamarato’s possession. Law enforcement additionally identified two other women who were present in the room (“Minor Victim-1” and “Minor Victim-2”). Both Minor Victim-1 and Minor Victim-2 later told law enforcement, in substance and in part, that they were under the age of 18. Specifically, Minor Victim-1 advised that she was 16 years old.

4. Thereafter, law enforcement arrested Tamarato, and Minor Victim-1 and Minor Victim-2 were released into the care of their respective guardians.

5. Following Tamarato's April 2020 arrest and after being advised of Minor Victim-1's underage status, Tamarato continued to advertise the sexual services of Minor Victim-1. Specifically, between in or around October 2020 through in or around February 2021, law enforcement identified approximately 11 advertisements posted on a website known to be used by sex workers to advertise sexual services; these advertisements all included images of Tamarato and Minor Victim-1, and listed the 2591 Number, which was the same phone number associated with the phone Tamarato possessed during the April 2020 arrest.

### ***The April 2021 Arrest***

6. On or about April 9, 2021, Tamarato was again arrested for engaging in prostitution with Minor Victim-1. The arrest occurred after members of the Ocean Township Police Department investigated prostitution in the Ocean Township area and located an advertisement (the "Advertisement") on a website known to be used by sex workers to advertise sexual services. The Advertisement depicted several women, including one with a distinctive tattoo of stars on her left arm (later identified as Minor Victim-1), and listed a phone number ending in 7379 (the "7379 Number"). The Advertisement stated the following: "In Calls and Outcalls, SS 120, HH 360, HR 250 Ask about my 2 Girl Specials." Based on my training and experience, I know that the term "SS" refers to a "short stay," the term "HH" refers to a half hour, and the term "HR" refers to the price for an hour of time with a particular sex worker. The Advertisement listed the age of the sex workers as 21 and their location as Eatontown, New Jersey.

7. Thereafter, the Ocean Township Police Department contacted the 7379 Number. During an ensuing text message conversation, law enforcement agreed to meet for an "outcall" with two women in exchange for \$500.<sup>1</sup> Law enforcement thereafter advised the unknown subjects to meet at an apartment complex on Cindy Lane (the "Apartment Complex").

8. Law enforcement set up surveillance at the Apartment Complex and during the surveillance, law enforcement received a call from the 7379 Number in which the caller advised law enforcement that the subjects were in the area outside of Building #3. Law enforcement responded to Building #3 and located Tamarato and Minor Victim-1 holding a cellular phone. Law enforcement subsequently confirmed that the cellular phone in Minor Victim-1's possession was the device associated with the 7379 Number. Law enforcement further confirmed that Minor Victim-1 was the girl depicted in the Advertisement with the distinctive tattoo. At the time of this encounter, Minor Victim-1 was 17 years

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<sup>1</sup> In reference to commercial sex, an "outcall" is when a sex worker responds to the location of the subject requesting services rather than directing the subject to come to where the sex worker is located.

old. Law enforcement arrested Tamarato and later released Minor Victim-1 into the care of her guardian.

9. During the April 2021 Arrest, law enforcement seized the device associated with the 7379 Number, as well as a phone from Tamarato (the “Tamarato Phone”). The Tamarato Phone contained a cell phone application (“Application-1”), which allows a user to customize and/or create a duplicate phone number. The 2591 Number was one such Application-1 number on the Tamarato Phone. An open-source database revealed that the 2591 Number was associated with approximately 150 sex advertisements posted to a website known to be used by sex workers to advertise sexual services between June 23, 2019 and April 7, 2021; a portion of these advertisements depict Tamarato and Minor Victim-1.

10. The Tamarato Phone also contained approximately 41 unique instances between September 24, 2020 and March 17, 2021 in which the Tamarato Phone communicated with commercial sex buyers about a “two girl special” while providing an image of Minor Victim-1.

11. Moreover, the Tamarato Phone contained messages confirming that Tamarato knew that Minor Victim-1 was a minor. Specifically, on or about February 6, 2021, the Taramato Phone texted the 7379 Number used by Minor Victim-1, “im not going to jail for nobody especially rn . . . y’all are both minors . . . .” Taramato then asked “Why ya not coming to Asbury,” and Minor Victim-1 responded, “I don’t have no body id to use for a room.”

12. Additionally, a search of the device associated with the 7379 Number revealed communications with the 2591 Number utilized by Tamarato. Specifically, on or about April 7, 2021, the 2591 Number texted Minor Victim-1, “I’m bout to find us a date.” Based on my training and experience, a “date” is a reference to a commercial sex act.

### ***McCallum’s Exploitation of Victim-1***

13. In or around December 2020, Tamarato introduced Minor Victim-1 to McCallum, who thereafter arranged for Minor Victim-1 to engage in commercial sex acts. Tamarato also worked for McCallum.

14. Soon after McCallum met Minor Victim-1, another individual for whom McCallum arranged commercial sex work notified McCallum that Minor Victim-1 was a minor. After this, McCallum continued to coordinate the prostitution of Minor Victim-1, telling Minor Victim-1, in sum and substance, that it was fine because she would be 18 years old in a year.

15. Chats between Minor Victim-1 and McCallum and payment records describe how McCallum coordinated the prostitution of Minor Victim-1. In particular:

- a. On or about March 28, 2021, Minor Victim-1, using the 7379 Number, wrote McCallum, "A date just got here for a ss [short stay] wya?" Approximately 20 minutes later, McCallum asked, "You done?" When Minor Victim-1 confirmed she was, McCallum asked, "You wanna work while I got somewhere to sit and we're got a ride for outcalls." At approximately 9:57 p.m., Minor Victim-1 explained that someone was coming for "2 hours for 500\$," and McCallum responded, "Ok baby I'm omw[.]" At approximately 10:50 p.m., Minor-Victim 1 confirmed the man "just got here for the 500 for 2 hours." At approximately 10:55 p.m., a CashApp account registered in McCallum's name received a \$500 payment.
- b. On or about April 1, 2021, Minor Victim-1, using the 7379 Number, wrote McCallum, "It's for a hour 250. I'll see u soon." Approximately 53 minutes later, Minor Victim-1 wrote, "waiting for him to finish jerking off." McCallum responded several seconds later, "Times up." Minor Victim-1 responded, "He got 5 min," and "the timer ain't go off." Minor Victim-1 then wrote, "I'm walking to the store," and McCallum responded, "Bitch yu Bms stay in that room and run it up."

16. Also, on or about March 28, 2021, and April 1, 2021, advertisements of Minor Victim-1 were posted on a website known to be used by sex workers to advertise sexual services. The advertisements depicted Minor Victim-1 and stated the following: "SS 120 HH 160 HR 250 ASK ABOUT MY 2 GIRL SPECIALS."

17. McCallum also rented the motel rooms in which Minor Victim-1 would perform commercial sex work. In particular, on or about August 19, 2021, August 27, 2021, and September 10, 2021, McCallum booked a room at an Elizabeth, New Jersey motel ("Motel-2"). Subpoena returns confirm that on or about these same dates, advertisements that depicted Minor Victim-1 were posted on a website known to be used by sex workers to advertise sexual services from the IP address connected to Motel-2. The advertisements included similar pricing information, and one advertisement offered a "2 GIRL SPECIAL[.]".

18. Moreover, messages between the 7379 Number used by Minor Victim-1 and a phone number used by McCallum confirm that McCallum knew that Minor Victim-1 was a minor. Specifically, at approximately 12:04 a.m. on or about April 10, 2021, following the Ocean Township arrest, Minor Victim-1, using the 7379 Number texted McCallum, "I'm at the police station. They might bag me. . . ." McCallum responded, "Yu sound stupid bitch you on the phones."



Minor Victim-1 responded, "Cuz I'm a minor." McCallum replied, "Get off my phone."