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Local man charged with human trafficking

Police locate four victims forced into prostitution

Howard County police have charged a man with human trafficking after an investigation revealed he was forcing multiple female victims into prostitution.

Kamal Germaine Dorchy, 43, of Charles Plaza in Baltimore, has been charged with multiple counts of human trafficking and is being held at the Howard County Detention Center without bond.

Police were called to a motel in the 9800 block of Washington Boulevard in Laurel July 23 for a theft report. Officers recognized signs of prostitution and human trafficking, and identified a woman believed to be a victim.

Detectives began investigating Dorchy as a suspect and later located him after he rented a motel room in Prince George's County. Police served a search warrant on the room and found three additional women inside, ranging in age from 17 to 24. All are believed to be victims of human trafficking.

Through investigation, detectives believe that Dorchy coordinated appointments at motels for the women and forced them to perform sex acts for money. Dorsey photographed the victims and placed ads on the website Backpage, which is known to be used for prostitution. He then took half of the money the victims received for the sex acts.

Detectives also believe that Dorchy assaulted the victims, threatened them with a handgun and supplied them with drugs. Dorchy is alleged to have exerted significant control over the women, including their access to food and sleep, only letting them rest for short periods so they could spend more time on prostitution appointments. He also took the victims' phones or forwarded texts and calls from their phones to his own to control their communication.

All of the victims were offered support services and taken to appropriate locations for their safety. Howard County has an ongoing effort to combat prostitution, human trafficking and related offenses. Investigators are focused on arresting traffickers and offering assistance to victims through housing, treatment, transportation and other services.

Howard County detectives also regularly monitor the website Backpage, which is known by police to be used for prostitution, often involving girls who are victims of trafficking. Police regularly place their own ad on Backpage, warning men not to engage in prostitution or human trafficking in Howard County.

Police are continuing to investigate Dorchy and his possible connection to additional victims. Anyone with information should call 410-313-STOP or email HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov.

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