

# Couple charged with sex trafficking minors

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A married Rochester couple is accused of the sex trafficking of minors.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Frederick Evans, 38, and LaShara Evans, 36, were charged Tuesday with sex trafficking with force, fraud or coercion, and sex trafficking of a minor.

The investigation started when a girl "indicated that she had been trafficked by Frederick Evans, and his now wife,

'Shar', who she later identified as LaShara Evans, since the age of 15," a release stated.

The witness said she met Frederick Evans when she was 15 and that he got her involved in prostitution. He also advertised her on backpage.com. The witness also stated that she and LaShara Evans were engaged in prostitution activities in Rochester, Syracuse, Watertown and Buffalo. The money she made was turned over to Frederick or LaShara Evans.

Two other witnesses allege that Frederick Evans also prostituted them. One of the witnesses stated that "Frederick Evans took her to Louisiana and was 'abusive.'"

The Evanses made an initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Jonathan W. Feldman. LaShara Evans was released on conditions, while Frederick Evans is being held pending a detention hearing on Monday.

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