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Two men charged with sex trafficking minors

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Rochester, N.Y. - Two Rochester men are charged with the sex trafficking of minors.

Federal prosecutors said Andre Barnes, 39, and Christopher Johnson, Jr., 29, used backpage.com to solicit young girls.

According to attorneys, the two began working together in 2010 to traffic minors for sex. Their operation continued until July 2013 when Barnes was sent to prison for assaulting one of the prostitutes that he is charged with trafficking.

Both men could face life in prison if convicted.

The arrests are part of an investigation by the FBI Child Exploitation Task Force, which includes the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, the Rochester Police Department, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations.

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