

# Man admits teen sex trafficking

## Rochester man could face 10 years to life in prison

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A Rochester man admitted to the sex trafficking of a minor in U.S. District Court in Rochester this week.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, Harris Hickman, 33, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Elizabeth A. Wolford. The charge carries a mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison, a maximum of life, and a fine of \$250,000.

The criminal complaint states that in March 2014, Hickman trafficked a 15-year-old minor by using photographs he took with his phone of her in advertisements on backpage.com.

The phone was seized

along with other evidence after a search warrant was executed at Hickman's apartment on June 26, 2014.

Hickman knew that "the minor was only 15 years old and would be caused to engage in prostitution activity," a release said. The criminal complaint states that Hickman kept all the money that was made. He used his Field Street apartment for the activities.

When being interviewed by authorities and asked if he profited from prostituting the girl, "Hickman responded while smiling and laughing, 'I got nice stuff, yea,'" the criminal complaint states.

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