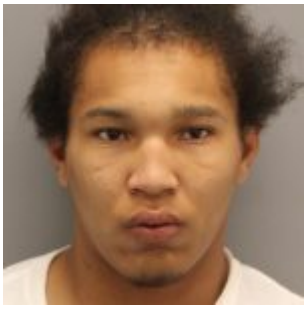
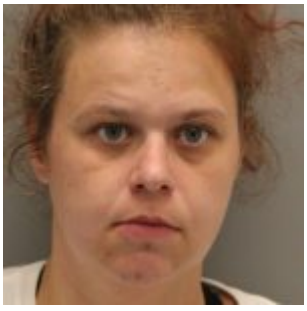
Five Arrested in Human Trafficking Case



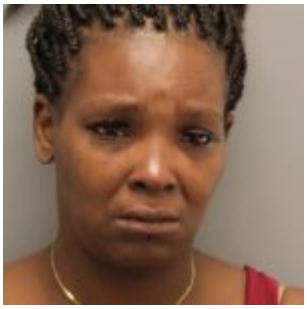
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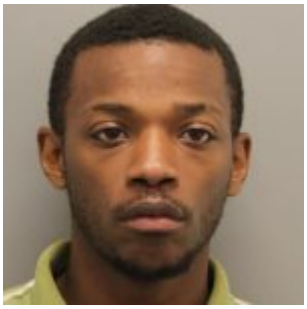
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Austin White



Taliesha Haith



Donnell Singletary

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Dover – The Delaware State Police, with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Wilmington office), and the Delaware Department of Justice have arrested five people in connection with a human trafficking case.

This investigation began on May 8, 2017 when the Troop 3 Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) was contacted by the foster parent of a juvenile who had been reported missing on March 27, 2017. The foster parent advised that the 16-year-old female may be prostituting via the website www.backpage.com. Detectives located a listing on the webpage that displayed photographs appearing to be the missing teen and were able to confirm her identity through the foster parent. Investigators conducted a search of law enforcement records for the phone number listed and were able to link it to **Jason Haith**, 18 of Dover and his girlfriend, **Jessica A. Hutkin**, 34 of Smyrna.

On Friday May 19, 2017, a joint operation coordinated by Troop 3 CIU, FBI Wilmington, and the Delaware Department of Justice was initiated. Investigators called the phone number listed and arranged a meeting for sexual favors in exchange for compensation at a south Dover motel. At approximately 1:40 p.m. that afternoon, a white 2017 Hyundai Sonata, bearing New York registration, pulled into the motel and the 16-year-old victim was seen exiting the vehicle. After the teen exited the vehicle, it departed and troopers conducting a traffic stop on the car. The driver, Jason Haith, and two passengers, Jessica Hutkin and **Austin White**, 19 of Smyrna, were taken into

custody without incident. A computer inquiry revealed the Hyundai Sonata was reported stolen out of Philadelphia on April 6, 2017.

Further investigation revealed that Haith, Hutkin, and White, along with two other subjects, **Donnell Singletary**, 32 of Dover, and **Taliesha Haith**, 34 of Dover, that were taken into custody at Jason Haith's residence in the 1000 block of East Lebanon Road, allowed each other to utilize their cellular telephones to make cellular calls, send text messages, and/or connect to the internet to arrange prostitution activities for the 16-year-old victim and another 17-year-old victim who was also advertised on www.backpage.com. Information also suggested that the prostitution activities were coordinated out of the Haith residence located at the East Lebanon Road address.

Jason Haith and Jessica Hutkin were both charged with Human Trafficking – Sexual Servitude, Promoting Prostitution 2nd, Receiving Stolen Property, and Conspiracy 2nd. They were arraigned at JP7 and remanded to the custody of the Delaware Department of Correction on $34,000.00 secured bond.

Taliesha Haith, Donnell Singletary, and Austin White were all charged with Human Trafficking – Sexual Servitude, Promoting Prostitution 2nd, and Conspiracy 2nd. They were all arraigned at JP7 and remanded to the custody of the Delaware Department of Correction on $32,000.00 secured bond.

Because of the sensitivity of this case, and in consideration of the victims, only limited information will be released. Both victims have been placed in the safety of the Division of Family Services.

Victims or persons with information regarding the activities of any of the five subjects arrested are asked to please contact Detective M. Weinstein at 302-698-8443 or Troop 3 Major Crimes Unit at 302-698-8434. Information may also be

provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword “DSP.”

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at *debra.reed@delaware.gov*.

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