

Four Arrested in Human Trafficking Case-Laurel



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JOSHUA LANKFORD

Laurel— The Delaware State Police in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Investigations have arrested four suspects in connection with a human trafficking case.

The investigation began on Wednesday, October 30, 2018 when Troopers were dispatched to the Relax Inn located at 30702 Sussex Highway at approximately 8:28 a.m., for a report of a female who was being held against her will and forced to perform sex acts on people. Upon arrival, Troopers located a 22-year-old female victim from Maryland. It was learned that the victim had been taken back and forth between Delaware and Maryland against her will and forced to perform commercial sex acts on multiple people in exchange for compensation.

Three suspects were initially taken into custody at the Relax Inn without incident, 25-year-old **David B. Goodwin** of Federalsburg, MD, 27-year-old **Kevonne L. Murphy** of Federalsburg, MD, and 38-year-old **Lakeya N. Aldridge** of Federalsburg, MD.

Through investigative measures a fourth suspect was identified as 30-year-old **Joshua Lankford** of Federalsburg, MD.

All four suspects were charged with the following:

- Kidnapping First Degree

- Human Trafficking – Sexual Servitude
- Trafficking an Individual
- Conspiracy Second Degree

Goodwin, Murphy, and Aldridge were transported back to Troop 4 and arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 3. Goodwin and Murphy were committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$100,000.00 cash only bond. Aldridge was committed to the Delores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution on \$102,000.00 cash only bond.

On November 2, 2018 Lankford was taken into custody by the U.S. Marshals Task Force at a residence in the 3000 block of Holland Drive, Federalsburg, MD without incident. He was extradited back to Delaware where he was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution on \$102,000.00 cash only bond.

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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