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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

CRIMINAL NO. 1:24-CR-107
18 U.S.C. §§ 1591(a)(1), (b)(1), (b)(2)

STEVEN COLBURN

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT ONE
[Sex Trafficking of Children]

From on or about May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015, in the Northern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, STEVEN COLBURN, defendant, did knowingly recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, maintain, patronize, and solicit by any means, in and affecting interstate commerce, "Minor 1," who had not attained the age of 14 years, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that "Minor 1" had not attained the age of 18 years and that "Minor 1" would be caused to engage in a commercial sex act.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1591(a)(1) and (b)(1).

COUNT TWO
[Coercion and Enticement]

On or about February 14, 2024, in the Northern District of Mississippi, the defendant, STEVEN COLBURN, did use a facility and means of interstate commerce to knowingly persuade, induce, entice, and coerce any individual, "Minor 2," who had not attained the age of 18 years to engage in sexual activity for which any person can be charged with a criminal offense, namely, human trafficking, which was a criminal offense under Mississippi Code Section 97-3-54.1(1)(c).

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b).

COUNT THREE
[Sex Trafficking of Children]

From on or about February 15, 2011 through February 14, 2012, in the Northern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, STEVEN COLBURN, defendant, did knowingly recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, maintain, patronize, and solicit by any means, in and affecting interstate commerce, "Minor 3," who had not attained the age of 14 years, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that "Minor 3" had not attained the age of 18 years and that "Minor 3" would be caused to engage in a commercial sex act.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1591(a)(1) and (b)(1).

COUNT FOUR
[Sex Trafficking of Children]

From on or about January 5, 2014 through approximately January 5, 2016, in the Northern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, STEVEN COLBURN, defendant, did knowingly recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, maintain, patronize, and solicit by any means, and attempt to recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, maintain, patronize, and solicit by any means, in and affecting interstate commerce, "Minor 4," who had not attained the age of 14 years, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that "Minor 4" had not attained the age of 18 years and that "Minor 4" would be caused to engage in a commercial sex act.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1591(a)(1) and (b)(1).

COUNT FIVE
[Sex Trafficking of Children]

From on or about July 22, 2012 through July 21, 2015, in the Northern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, STEVEN COLBURN, defendant, did knowingly recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, maintain, patronize, and solicit by any means, in and affecting interstate commerce, "Minor 5," knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that "Minor 5" had not

attained the age of 18 years and that “Minor 5” would be caused to engage in a commercial sex act.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1591(a)(1) and (b)(2).

COUNT SIX
[Sex Trafficking of Children]

From on or about August 28, 2012 through August 27, 2015, in the Northern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, STEVEN COLBURN, defendant, did knowingly recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, maintain, patronize, and solicit by any means, in and affecting interstate commerce, “Minor 6,” knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that “Minor 6” had not attained the age of 18 years and that “Minor 6” would be caused to engage in a commercial sex act.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1591(a)(1) and (b)(2).

COUNT SEVEN
[Sex Trafficking of Children]

From on or about November 26, 2012 through November 25, 2016, in the Northern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, STEVEN COLBURN, defendant, did knowingly recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, maintain, patronize, and solicit by any means, in and affecting interstate commerce, “Minor 7,” knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that “Minor 7” had not attained the age of 18 years and that “Minor 7” would be caused to engage in a commercial sex act.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1591(a)(1) and (b)(2).

COUNT EIGHT
[Sex Trafficking of Children]

From on or about September 4, 2007 through September 3, 2008, in the Northern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, STEVEN COLBURN, defendant, did knowingly recruit, entice,

harbor, transport, provide, and maintain by any means, in and affecting interstate commerce, “Minor 8,” knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that “Minor 8” had not attained the age of 18 years and knowing that “Minor 8” would be caused to engage in a commercial sex act.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1591(a)(1) and (b)(2).

COUNT NINE
[Felon in Possession of a Firearm]

On or about April 10, 2021, in the Northern District of Mississippi, STEVEN COLBURN, the defendant, knowing he had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed a firearm, to-wit: a Smith & Wesson, .40 caliber pistol, serial number FBE8264, and the firearm was in and affecting interstate commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

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