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Attorney General James Uthmeier Charges Two Individuals for Human Trafficking of a Child in Hillsborough County

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General James Uthmeier announced the arrests and charges for trafficking a child for commercial sex acts in Hillsborough County. The suspects, Terrance Whitfield Jr. and Brittany Armstrong, face felony charges after investigators uncovered a disturbing scheme that exploited the child by advertising on adult escort websites.

"Florida's law enforcement heroes rescued a young girl from a living nightmare, and the two demented individuals responsible are behind bars," said **Attorney General James Uthmeier**. "Our Office of Statewide Prosecution charged the two predators with trafficking a child and will work to ensure they never see another day outside of a prison cell again."

An investigation by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Human Trafficking Section revealed that Armstrong and Whitfield offered the victim a place to stay for \$210 a week, then posted the child victim on adult escort sites for sexual exploitation. Undercover operations confirmed both defendants' involvement. Armstrong directly admitted to posting the juvenile online during a covert video call arranged by investigators.

The defendants face the following charges:

- Terrance Whitfield Jr.:
- Human Trafficking of a Minor under 18 (life felony)
- Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device (third-degree felony)
- Deriving Support from Proceeds of Prostitution (second-degree felony)
- Brittany Armstrong:
- Human Trafficking of a Minor under 18 (life felony)

Special Counsel to the Attorney General Rita Peters will handle the case.

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