

## Human Trafficking Cases

April 2021

### **Woman Sentenced to 12 Years in Prison for Coercing Members of Church Ministry Into Forced Labor**

April 6, 2021

A jury in 2019 convicted Tracie Dickey, also known as “Tracie Williams,” 57, of Pittsburgh, Pa., on wire fraud and labor trafficking charges.

Dickey was a self-appointed bishop of Deliverance Tabernacle Ministries, an organization she founded that claimed to offer faith-based services in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Florida.

She also purported to operate a travel agency known as World Ambassador Travel. Evidence at trial revealed that Dickey recruited young women to become members of the ministry, and directed them to work multiple jobs, including as desk clerks at hotels. She instructed the members on how to have the hotels pay reservation-commission fees to Dickey’s travel agency, even though her agency never actually booked reservations on behalf of the hotel guests. The hotel scheme resulted in at least \$66,525 in fraudulent proceeds.

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### **Harnett County Man Pleads Guilty to Production of Child Pornography**

April 26, 2021

An Angier man pled guilty today to Production of Child Pornography.

According to court documents and other information presented in court, Raul Ayala Jr., 72, was accused of sexual molesting a prepubescent minor.

Upon the minor’s disclosure, Ayala was confronted and admitted to some of the conduct but claimed there were explanations for the behavior. Law enforcement was notified, and Fuquay-Varina Police Department began an investigation. Detectives interviewed Ayala and Ayala admitted to touching the child and performing oral sex on the child. He also admitted he had taken some nude photographs of the child, but insisted they were innocent photographs. In addition, Ayala admitted he had molested children in the 1970’s.

A search warrant was executed at Ayala’s residence in Angier and multiple digital devices were seized. In addition, in the attic law enforcement found a briefcase that contained adult pornography and child pornography. In the briefcase were Polaroid pictures of nude minor children, dating back to the late 1960’s and early 1970’s. On Ayala’s digital devices, law enforcement found lascivious images of the minor child who disclosed sexual abuse along with child pornography unrelated to the minor child.

Read full press release here:

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