

## Human Trafficking Cases for June 2021

### **Raleigh Man Sentenced for Child Pornography Offense Following Investigation of Disturbing Online Chats**

**Jun 9, 2021**

Cameron Hayes of Raleigh, was sentenced to 108 months in prison for receipt of child pornography. On September 16, 2020, Hayes pled guilty to the charge.

According to court documents and statements made during hearings, in September 2019, the website MeetMe.com alerted the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) that an individual with username beginning with “Jen” was engaging in suspicious activity on the website.

Specifically, Jen had a conversation with another person on the MeetMe platform about receiving child pornography and engaging in sexual conduct with the other person’s 10-year-old niece.

NCMEC determined that the user had an IP address in Raleigh and referred the tip to local law enforcement. Records showed the IP to be registered to the wife of defendant Cameron Hayes, at a residence in Raleigh. Apple Inc. confirmed that an email associated with the MeetMe account was registered to Hayes.

[Read the full story here.](#)

### **Man Sentenced for Production of Child Pornography**

**Jun 11, 2021**

A North Carolina man was sentenced to 30 years in prison for production of child pornography.

Raul Ayala, 72, of Angier, pleaded guilty on April 26, 2021. According to information provided to the court, Ayala’s crimes were initially discovered when a prepubescent minor victim disclosed to his parents that Ayala had sexually molested him. When investigators interviewed Ayala, he admitted molesting that victim and also admitted exploiting other victims as far back as the 1970s.

[Read the full press release here.](#)

## **Woman arrested in NC massage business sex sting previously ran spa in Horry County**

**Jun 22, 2021**

One of six women arrested this month during a federal sting at illegal massage businesses ran a similar operation in Horry County that shut down following a controversial countywide investigation.

Ok Hwa Lee, of Little River, was arrested June 16 along with five other woman on charges of conspiracy, bribery, and operating an illegal prostitution enterprise in interstate commerce.

Lee was the leader and manager of six North Carolina massage parlors that federal investigators said offered sex acts in exchange for money.

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## **Johnston County man sentenced to 35 years in prison for sex trafficking of a minor**

**Jun 23, 2021**

A Johnston County man has been sentenced to 35 years in prison for the human trafficking of a woman and a minor, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Marvarlus Cortel Snead, a 34-year-old Four Oaks resident, was sentenced Monday to the prison time as well as lifetime probation, the office said in a news release.

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