

News-Media reports on Sex Trafficking Cases involving Montana



Montana Couple Charged With Promoting Springfield Juvenile's Prostitution

JOPLIN, Mo. — A Montana couple arrested in Joplin is accused of using a Springfield juvenile as a prostitute. Louis G. Venning, 32, and Kourtne M. Eldridge, 22, both of Billings, Montana, face charges of Promoting Prostitution involving the 14-year-old runaway.

By: [Laurie Patton](#) Updated: January 10, 2013, The Joplin Globe



Kalispell woman accused of prostituting 13-year-old

KALISPELL- A Kalispell woman could face life in prison for forcing a 13-year girl into prostitution in exchange for drugs.

Police arrested 43-year-old Jennifer Johnson Saturday and she's been charged with felony aggravated promotion of prostitution.

Sep 2, 2011 9:28 AM by [Laura Wilson](#) (KAJ News)



Man pleads guilty to kidnap of local girl

Edgard "Eddie" Le pleaded guilty Thursday during U.S. District Court proceedings in Missoula to a charge of transportation with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity.

On Feb. 14, 2011, a 12-year-old girl was reported missing from her home after her mother walked into her room to wake her up for school and found her bed empty. The girl's stepmother used the Facebook account of one of the girl's friends and discovered conversations between the girl and Le.

By [JESSE DAVIS](#)/The Daily Inter Lake | Posted: Thursday, February 14, 2013



Third woman pleads guilty to prostitution in Belgrade case

Defense attorney Eric Brewer said that the owners of the two spas are being investigated federally, possibly for human trafficking.

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 10:30 am, [Bozeman Chronicle](#)



MISSOULA- A Spokane man pleaded not guilty to federal charges for running a prostitution business in Missoula and Kalispell during a Monday court appearance. Clifton Ray Oliver faces three felony charges including "transportation of a minor with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity."

Posted: May 21, 2012 6:11 PM by [irina Cates](#) (KPAX News)



2 accused of sex trafficking counts involving Montana teen

Man lured Montana teen, another had sex with her, sheriff says

Authorities arrested a Baton Rouge man accused of trafficking a 16-year-old Montana girl and forcing her into prostitution at a Port Allen motel.

Posted: Aug. 14, 2013 Jim Mustian, [The Advocate](#)



Montana man pleads guilty in sex trafficking case

A Montana man has been sentenced to five years in prison for trying to arrange a sexual encounter with a minor. Clayton Lakey, 34, pleaded guilty on Tuesday to coercion and enticement of a minor. U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland sentenced Lakey, of Billings, Mont., to five years in prison and 10 years of supervised probation. Lakey must register as a sex offender when released.

Posted May 07, 2014 by [Jenny Michael](#), [The Bismarck Tribune](#)

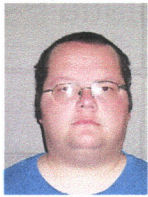


Missoula Craigslist prostitution ring leader headed to prison

MISSOULA - A Missoula man will spend the next 10 years in the Montana State Prison for running a prostitution ring on Craigslist.

Richard Carpita was convicted of aggravated promotion of prostitution and promotion of prostitution. Prosecutors say he and Anthony Brazington posted prostitution ads on Craigslist and male clients responded to the ads by meeting with one of four girls between the ages of 16 and 19.

Feb 15, 2011 11:57 AM by [Irina Cates](#) (KPAX News)



Six Local Men Arrested in Internet Sting

Court records indicate the investigation involved an undercover operation, with an ICAC agent posing as a woman offering up a 12-year-old girl for sex, and then arresting the men who communicated with the agent and showed up at a residence to engage in sexual conduct with the girl.

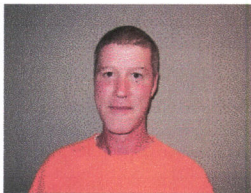
By [Molly Priddy](#) // Aug 22, 2014, Flathead Beacon



7 charged in Missoula-area child sex abuse sting

The roundup of the seven alleged sexual predators – including one couple – was the result of a two-day sting in which members of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and several law enforcement agencies posted advertisements on the websites Craigslist and Backpage, posing as an adult female willing to prostitute a 12-year-old female relative.

December 21, 2013 6:15 am • By [Kathryn Haake](#), *The Missoulian*



Man in Missoula County jail for seeking sex with teen through Craigslist

On Sept. 18, the Montana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Missoula Police Department responded to a personal ad posted on Craigslist. In the post, Town allegedly sought sexual encounters with “young skinny” males. An undercover agent posing as a 14-year-old child asked Town how “young” he liked them.

September 24, 2014 6:30 pm • By [Martin Kidston](#), *The Missoulian*



Montana man charged following prostitution sex sting

GREAT FALLS - A man has been arrested and is facing a charge of attempted felony prostitution in Great Falls. Court documents state Mandel responded to an online ad for prostitution services with a phone number to text. The ad, created by task force agents, offered a 13-year old girl for sexual intercourse.

Jan 21, 2015 1:42 PM by [Shannon Newth](#) - MTN News, KPAX



Montana man charged with promoting prostitution, sexual intercourse with teen

GREAT FALLS - Juan Anastasio Rodriguez of Great Falls is in custody and charged with two counts of sexual intercourse without consent and two counts of promotion of prostitution. Rodriguez, who owns J.R.'s Roofing & Siding, allegedly paid a 14 year old runaway \$350 dollars for oral sex on two occasions.

Posted: Jun 11, 2012 7:04 PM by [Heath Heggem](#) - MTN News