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Minneapolis Man Charged with Child Sex Trafficking

Defendant is a fugitive; FBI is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to his arrest

MINNEAPOLIS – A recently unsealed federal indictment charges a Minneapolis man with sex trafficking a minor, announced Acting United States Attorney W. Anders Folk.

According to court documents, between August 12, 2020, and August 14, 2020, Charles William Dexter III, 40, knowingly recruited, enticed, harbored, transported, provided, and advertised a minor victim to engage in a commercial sex act, knowing that the victim had not attained the age of 18 years.

Dexter is a fugitive. The FBI is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to Dexter's location and arrests. Anyone with information about his whereabouts is asked to contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI or submit tips online at <u>tips.fbi.gov</u>.

This case is the result of an investigation conducted by Homeland Security Investigations, FBI, and the Bloomington Police Department.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Manda M. Sertich and Chelsea A. Walcker are prosecuting the case.

An indictment is merely an allegation and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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