

Two Women Charged with Trafficking an Alabama Teenager for Prostitution

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Two 24-year-old women are jailed in lieu of \$200,000 bond each for allegedly trafficking a 16-year-old female runaway from Birmingham, Alabama, for prostitution.

Specialized Investigations Division detectives are continuing in their efforts to reconstruct the activities of Megan K. Williams of Paducah, Kentucky, and Elizabeth Thomas of Las Vegas, Nevada. Both women were arrested Thursday after the 16-year-old's mother called the Emergency Communications Center to report that her daughter was being held against her will at a West Nashville motel. At one point yesterday, the teen apparently found herself alone and used the opportunity to call her mother.

West Precinct officers located the teen at a restaurant adjacent to the motel. Williams and Thomas were nearby and were identified by the teen as persons who had brought her to Nashville to engage in prostitution.

The 16-year-old told officers that Williams and Thomas picked her up in Alabama after befriending her on a social networking site. They are then alleged to have taken her to various locations where she was directed to engage in prostitution before bringing her to Nashville at the first of this week. Ads were placed on an Internet site. The teen reported that she was paid hundreds of dollars by "Johns" over the past several days. She said the money was taken from her by Williams and Thomas.

The 16-year-old is now in the care of Alabama Children's Services.

Megan Williams, 24

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Elizabeth Marie Thomas, 24

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