

Burlington Man Sentenced for Sex Trafficking

A Burlington man was sentenced today in federal court in Boston for trafficking three women for sex and threatening them with violence.

Barry Davis, 38, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Chief Judge Patti B. Saris to 18 years in prison and three years of supervised release. In March 2017, Davis pleaded guilty to three counts of sex trafficking by force, fraud, and coercion and three counts of interstate transportation with intent to engage in prostitution.

In April 2015, Davis met a young woman at a driving instruction class and enticed her to leave with him by promising to take care of her and provide her with a steady supply of heroin. Davis drove her to New Jersey, rented a hotel room, posted an advertisement online for sex with her, and took the money she made having sex with men who responded to the ad. Davis used heroin to coerce the woman, and punched her in the head and threatened her with further harm if she did not follow his rules and prostitute for him.

In August 2015, Davis perpetrated a similar scheme after he picked up two young women from a heroin detox center and drove them to Connecticut. There, he rented a hotel room, posted online advertisements for sex with the women, and took the money they made having sex with men who responded to the ads. Davis used heroin to coerce the women to prostitute for him. Davis also hit one of the women for breaking one of his prostitution rules and threatened to beat the other woman if she did not make enough money prostituting for him.