

Massachusetts law enforcement organizations charge Florida man with sex trafficking, firearm offenses

“A Florida man has been charged with allegedly trafficking two women to engage in commercial sex acts and being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Angelo Dominic Lombardo, 27, was charged by criminal complaint with two counts of sex trafficking by force, threats of force, fraud and coercion and one count of possession of a firearm and ammunition by a convicted felon. Lombardo is currently in state custody in Massachusetts and will appear in federal court in Worcester before U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge David H. Hennessy on May 4, 2022.

According to the charging document, Lombardo trafficked two victims to engage in commercial sex acts by coercing the victims psychologically, making false promises of a better life, and making explicit threats to one of the victims with a firearm.

It is alleged that Lombardo first met the victims in Oregon. Lombardo posted advertisements of each victim on various websites and arranged “dates” for the victims to have sex in exchange for money. Lombardo allegedly set the pricing for the commercial sex acts they engaged in, for which he collected most, if not all, of the profit.

In July 2021, Lombardo allegedly flew with the two victims from Portland, Ore., to Boston and allegedly arranged for the victims to engage in commercial sex at meeting spots he set up throughout the city and continued to collect most, if not all, of the profit.

According to the charging document, local law enforcement in Massachusetts met with the two victims. In the first victim's interview with law enforcement, she alleged that Lombardo told her that she would have a better life and financial stability if she worked for him and expressed fear that Lombardo would retaliate if he knew she was speaking to the police. In a separate interview, the second victim advised law enforcement that she felt like a hostage and alleged that Lombardo would tell her she was better off dead. It is further alleged that prior to travelling from Oregon to Massachusetts, Lombardo threatened the second victim with a firearm because she did not return home from an arranged meeting with enough money. Lombardo allegedly put a gun to the victim's head and made the victim go back out to make the full payment.

On July 12, 2021, following a traffic stop in Boston, Lombardo was arrested on state trafficking charges. At the time of his arrest, Lombardo had approximately \$3,310 in his possession. A subsequent search of a hotel room in Revere associated with Lombardo allegedly resulted in the recovery of a firearm with a laser attached matching the descriptions provided by both victims, and a loaded large capacity magazine with 20 live rounds of ammunition. Due to prior felony convictions for possession of fentanyl with intent to deliver or sell and possession of over 20 grams of marijuana, Lombardo is prohibited from possessing a firearm and ammunition.

Members of the public who believe they may be a victim of this individual or alleged crime should contact USAMA.VictimAssistance@usdoj.gov. If you or someone you know may be impacted or experiencing commercial sex trafficking, please visit <https://polarisproject.org/> for information and resources.

The charge of sex trafficking by force, threats of force, fraud, or coercion provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years and up to life in prison, five years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. The charge of being a felon in

possession of a firearm and ammunition provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, up to three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

United States Attorney Rachael S. Rollins; Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Field Division; Colonel Christopher Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; Boston Police Acting Commissioner Gregory Long; Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden; Revere Police Chief David Callahan; and Arlington Police Chief Juliann Flaherty made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Mackenzie Duane of Rollins' Civil Rights Enforcement Team is prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law." -Massachusetts Department of Justice.