

# DOJ: Indicted Va. attorney met sex trafficking victims on sugar daddy website

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. (7News) — A federal grand jury has indicted an Arlington-based lawyer after he sexually exploited six girls, all under the age of 18, after meeting them on a "sugar daddy" website, according to a release from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Matthew Erausquin, 46, of Arlington, is charged with six counts of sex trafficking minors, three counts of coercion and enticement to travel in interstate commerce for prostitution, one count of producing child pornography, and one count of transporting a person across state lines for prostitution.

According to an affidavit, Erausquin started contacting the minors in June 2017. All the girls were 16- and 17-years-old, and authorities said he continued to meet up with and pay the victims after they turned 18.

A high school student came to Fairfax County authorities in May 2019, sparking the investigation and linking law enforcement to the victims. The student told authorities one victim told her Erausquin paid her and another student \$1,000 to have a threesome. That victim also told the reporting student "she received a Tiffany's bag from Erausquin," according to the filing.

The lawyer also gave the victims weed and expensive gifts, in addition to the payments. According to federal authorities, Erausquin paid between \$500 to \$800 for each sexual encounter. Threesomes cost at least \$1,000.

According to the release, Erausquin even flew a victim back to Virginia for the holidays and subsequently paid her for sex. The court filing said the lawyer secretly recorded some of the sexual encounters with the victims.

A search on the Virginia State Bar website says Erausquin is an active lawyer in the state. Despite listing him as a partner with Consumer Litigation Associates, P.C., the company website does not have him listed.

If convicted, Erausquin faces a minimum sentence of 15 years.