# MILWAUKEE CSEC PROJECT

Online Monitoring December 01-17, 2008



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KlaasKIDS Foundation' National Search Center for Missing & Trafficked Children

#### INTRODUCTION

The KlaasKids Foundation was commissioned by the Renewal Forum to conduct on-line monitoring of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area to determine if the area was susceptible to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC). This monitoring took place December 01-17, 2008 and involved research into a number of websites, bulletin boards and on-line advertisement sites using keyword searches and known indicators for the presence of human trafficking.

The monitoring focused on advertised Open Source Intelligence (OSI) sites and incorporated the following elements:

- 1. Monitoring of Internet sites known to promote prostitution in the Milwaukee area. Sites included:
  - a. Classified Advertisement websites
  - b. Escort Provider websites
  - c. "Johns" Bulletin Boards
  - d. Adult Dating Sites
  - e. Social Networking Sites
- 2. Analysis of High Risk Trafficking Indicators (HRTI's) to include:
  - a. Use of keywords in advertisements
  - b. Postings with out-of-state phone numbers
  - c. Multiple girl postings
  - d. Advertised events
  - e. Telephone chat lines
- 3. Analysis of bulletin boards for potential trafficking situations within typical High Incidence Prostitution Areas (HIPA's) to include:
  - a. Street Prostitution
  - b. Gentleman's Clubs
  - c. Massage Parlors

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# Sex Trafficking Online

The advertising of sexual services on the Internet has been around almost as long as the Internet itself. Before Craigslist, there was Yahoo Groups; before Yahoo there was AOL. There seems to be an ongoing evolution and continual regrouping of the online sex industry. We are now beginning to experience the latest evolution, the proliferation of sexual service advertisements, including those by traffickers, on a much broader spectrum of Internet websites.

Craigslist.com, an often cited website due to its erotic postings section, recently succumbed to pressure from law enforcement agencies and community groups and provided a token concession to this proliferation. Craigslist announced it would work with law enforcement officials during ongoing investigations and would begin to charge a nominal fee for their advertisements.

The continual regrouping of the online sex industry has seen an increasing number of national websites beginning to offer erotic postings such as: Backpage.com, Redbook.com and CityVibe.com. With the recent changes made by Craigslist owners, escort agencies have begun creating their own websites to offer their wares and many cities are beginning to see an increase in locally supported websites. Other changes have also been noticed including an increased number of websites by the customers offering reviews of their favorite sex workers and a push to turn towards telephone chat lines to recruit potential customers.

George Washington University recently recognized the significance of online advertisements and sex trafficking when they created a special panel to review Technology and Trafficking in Persons.

In conducting any review of online advertisements for potential sex trafficking victims, the review team needs to be aware of the numerous "code words" used to advertise a minor or potentially trafficked adult. An independent tracking study in Georgia found that 65 percent of men who inquired about online sex service ads through Craigslist were responsive to listings that specifically offered "young" females.

Examples of these code words (High Risk Trafficking Indicators):

- New to business
- New to Craigslist
- New in town
- Young and Fresh, Young and Tender, Young
- Fresh Meat

Other High Risk Trafficking Indicators are:

- Multiple girls with the same phone number
- Postings with out-of-area phone numbers
- Postings with obvious fake photos or photos where the person's face is obscured

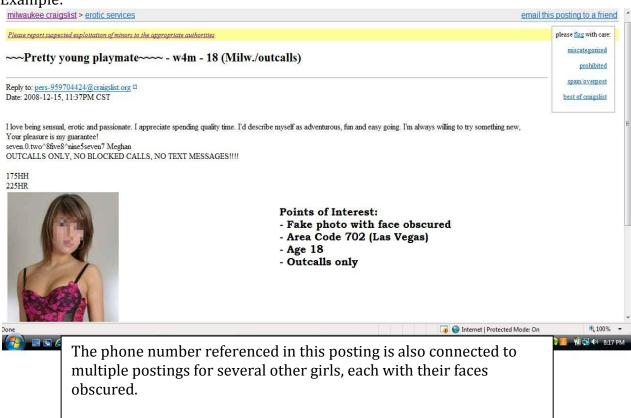
#### CRAIGSLIST.COM

Erotic advertisements on the Craigslist bulletin board have been consistent, averaging approximately 17 ads a day. Our keyword searches on the bulletin board have resulted in hits for "new to business," "new in town" and "new to craigslist."

The High Risk Trafficking Indicators (HRTI's) that we found, which are more indicative of potential trafficking and CSEC situations, include postings with the following characteristics:

- Multiple listings with the same telephone number and multiple girls
- Advertisements offering two-girl specials
- Pictures of girls with their faces obscured
- Photos with cheap interior hotel rooms
- Postings with out-of-state area codes \*
  - \* In one week of ads there were posts with area codes from Las Vegas, Chicago, New York, Miami and Orlando.

#### Example:



#### **Example:**

# Girls, Girls - Advertisement found on Craigslist and CityVibe 2 Girl Special!!

Katie
21 yrs old
113 lbs
5'6
blonde hair
hazel eyes
caucasion "sic"

Melissa 21 yrs old 115 lbs 5'7 brown hair brown eyes caucasion "sic"

CeCe 18 yrs 5'7 115 lbs long black hair brown eyes african american

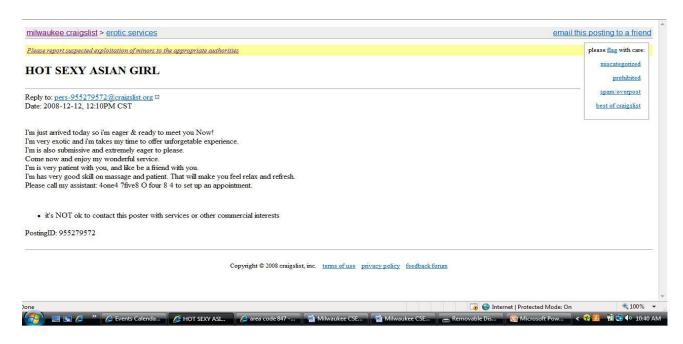
Please no blocked calls Incalls Only 414-837-7221

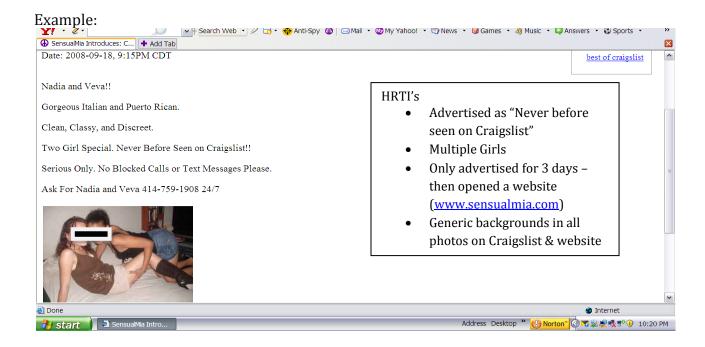
#### HRTI's:

- Ads began December 12<sup>th</sup>
- Ads mention "New girls"
- None of the pictures show the girls faces
- All photos set in hotel rooms
- In call's only
- Each of the girls listed as young (18-21)
- Same phone number for all of the ads
- In 10 ads only two of the girls are photographed

## Example:

This ad ran on Craigslist on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and again on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Each ad indicates a new Asian girl in town for massage/other services and lists the same phone number for their "assistant."





#### CITYVIBE.COM

The bulk of erotic advertisements occur on the CityVibe.com website averaging between 17 and 27 postings a day. Many of these postings are duplicates of Craigslist ads and may be indicative of a move to CityVibe due to the new restrictions on Craigslist.

Similar HRTI's were found on CityVibe as were found on the Craigslist site. Those HRTI's had the following characteristics:

- Multiple listings with the same telephone number and multiple girls
- Advertisements offering two-girl specials
- Pictures of girls with their faces obscured
- Photos with cheap interior hotel rooms
- Postings with out-of-state area codes

#### Example:

\*2\* \*G\*I\*R\*L\*S\* ARE \*W\*A\*Y\*Y\*Y\* MORE \*F\*U\*N\*
THAN \*J\*U\*S\*T\* ONE
(mil area incalls)
Flag Post: Spam | Prohibited | TechnicalSend to Friend

HEY WE'RE WAITING FOR YOU BABY. WE'RE GREAT FRIENDS WHO KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN AND ARE COMFORTABLE WITH EACH OTHER. CALL US FOR ALL YOUR 2 GIRL FANTASIES

4144553111 OR 4146270166ROSES EMAIL FOR MORE INFO HURRY!!!!

#### YOUNG AND RESTLESS (MILWAUKEE INCALLS)

• Flag Post: Spam | Prohibited | TechnicalSend to Friend

IM UP ALL NIGHT AND WAITING FOR YOU TO CALL... DONT MISS OUT ON THIS EXOTIC AND EROTIC EXPERIENCE

EMAIL FOR MORE INFO OR JUST CALL ME, CASHMERE 4144553111 NO TEXTS/BLOCKED CALLS

#### HRTI's

- Multiple postings for multiple girls
- Same telephone number
- "Young" as keyword
- Two girl specials

## Example:

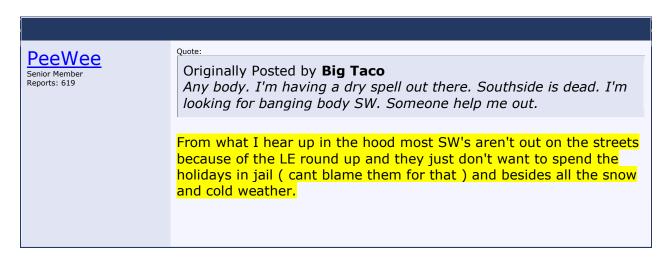
- New service in town.....sexy girls for you.....start on Monday (Milwaukee Area)
- Flag Post: Spam | Prohibited | TechnicalSend to Friend

Hey Guys,

New service in the area just for you!!! New and fresh girls coming to town just to take care of you!!! I will keep you posted as long as Craigs will let it stay on the board. Just look for us, **Intimate Encounters**, cause we are not just an encounter, but a real intimate one!!!!

# High Incidence Prostitution Areas (HIPA)

#### **Street Prostitution:**



Street prostitution in the Milwaukee area consists of independent providers and pimp controlled prostitution. The street scene has several external influences that affect the quantity of prostitution which includes the weather and the amount of law enforcement sting operations.

Areas known for street prostitution include: the North and South loop,  $35^{th}$  St,  $52^{nd}$  St, Center St, North Ave and Lisbon.

Of note, customers in the Milwaukee area routinely discuss their concerns of pimp controlled prostitution in some of these neighborhoods. According to the postings on-line much of the pimp controlled prostitution centers around areas also known for drug trafficking and therefore may not indicate an organized pimp culture. Regardless, any amount of pimp controlled prostitution increases the likelihood of juvenile sex trafficking.

Examples:

	# <u>1251</u>
Cigar Smoker Senior Member Reports: 136	It has been a while since I was on this board. Lincoln is still very slow, although there are several girls working out of a house between 16th and 17th. I wouldn't pick them up. I had an experiance with one of them and would slap the s*** out of one if I ever picked her up again.
	# <u>1248</u>
<u>Member</u>	There is still life out there
#1342 Senior Member Reports: 67	It has been awhile since I have been in here and thought it was time to share what I have seen on the mean streets. I admit I have been

also hitting Craigslist as well as Quest and the other phone chat lines, but have had some dicey run-ins with several of those girls as of late, and I missed the thrill of hunting the street, but the pickings have been slim this year.

The north side has always been somewhat scary, but I cut my mongering teeth up there, but the quality has been pretty sad this year, not to mention their pimps watching over everything.

#### **Example: The Quest Phone Line in Milwaukee**



# High Incidence Prostitution Areas (HIPA)

#### Gentleman's Clubs:

During our review we found no indications of prostitution in any of the Gentleman's Clubs in Milwaukee. There were several entries regarding VIP room services at several of the clubs but these were limited to private dances.

In early 2008 there were some indications that several of the dancers in the clubs worked for escort services or possibly pimps and offered after-hour specials. Members on these bulletin boards pointed out that after law enforcement sting operations centered on gentleman's clubs these after-hour specials stopped.

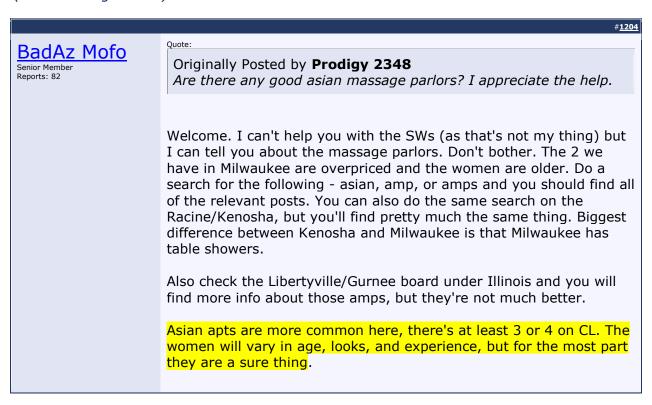
# High Incidence Prostitution Areas (HIPA)

## Massage Parlors:

Our review of massage parlors in the Milwaukee area discovered that this is a thriving industry. Customers routinely report their transactions at the massage parlors on a variety of internet bulletin boards. Of note, customers from Madison and other outlying areas frequently travel to Milwaukee to purchase services at these massage parlors.

## Example: posting from <u>www.usasexguide.info</u>

"As I drove north on 27th St., I happened to look up and see Far East Massage in a strip mall next to a Subway sandwich shop. Now, I currently live in Madison, Wisconsin. There is not a single AMP in Madison (there is the Geisha House & Rising Sun in Madison, but there are no Asian girls working there), so I got really excited about the idea of visiting an AMP." (Asian Massage Parlor)



During our review customers indicated that several of the massage parlors in the Milwaukee area offered sexual services in addition to their massage services.

#### **CONCLUSION**

During the period of monitoring numerous postings were found on Internet classified websites that contain indicators found in other advertisements investigated around the country that proved to involve sex trafficking.

Internet "john" bulletin boards showed daily activity indicative of an active demand culture. Postings on these boards also indicate their knowledge of police activities such as prostitution sweeps and sting activities on the street and in the clubs.

When Craigslist began charging for their advertisements and cooperating with law enforcement providers shifted many of their advertisements to other websites or created their own. When law enforcement began sting operations customers and providers shifted to telephone dating services. Now with the winter weather setting in customers are commenting that the providers are setting up shop in their hotel rooms. Whether the demand drives this need for adaptation or the prostitution scene has evolved into an organized structure, the sex industry in Milwaukee continues to thrive regardless of external influences.

History has proven that where there is an active demand for the sex industry there is an opportunity for sex trafficking and the commercial sex exploitation of children. The source for this potential exploitation is apparent with 708 children in the Wisconsin area running away from their home.



# Milwaukee Escort Services

The Vegas Show 1325 W. Juneau Milwaukee, Wi. 53233 414-840-2944

Amazing Secrets 1547 N 9<sup>th</sup> St. Milwaukee, Wi. 53205 414-562-0165

Diamond Entertainment 2920 W. Burleigh St. Milwaukee, Wi. 53210 414-464-6744

Aloha Escorts 3281 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Milwaukee, Wi. 53216 414-777-0130

Pleasures 3250 N. 36<sup>th</sup> St. Milwaukee, Wi. 53216 414-445-1691

Denise Banks Milwaukee, Wi. 53201 414-442-1821

American Beauties Milwaukee, Wi. 53201 414-270-0547

Knight Barry Title Inc. 2130 N. Mayfair Rd Stop 1 Milwaukee, Wi. 53226 414-326-3499

A1 Bombshells Milwaukee, Wi. 53207 414-223-3232

Suite 1A of the Lodge 707 Wisconsin Ave Madison, Wi. 53705 608-446-5203 Elite Escorts Franklin, Wi. 53132 414-355-3335

Covergirls Franklin, Wi. 53132 414-207-1900

VIP Entertainment Franklin, Wi. 53132 414-759-1363

Absolutely Unique 1508 N. Breezeland Rd Oconomowoc, Wi. 53066 414-278-5888

Miami Summers 7611 N. 76<sup>th</sup> Milwaukee, Wi. 53233 414-358-3505

Abigails 3411 Furey Ave Madison, Wi. 53714 608-244-4662

Exotic Secrets 5203 Autumn Leaf Ln Madison, Wi. 53704 608-661-6800 Geisha Bath House 3157 E. Washington Ave Madison, Wi. 53704 608-249-2636

The Rising Sun 117 W. Main St Madison, Wi. 53703 608-251-7333

Entertainment by a Pretty Woman Middleton, Wi. 53562 608-442-1888

#### **Enclosure 1**

Voluptuous Vixens Middleton, Wi. 53562 608-836-9217

Cutting Edge Enterainment Middleton, Wi. 53562 608-577-5552

Danyals Escort Services 5806 N 41<sup>st</sup> St Milwaukee, Wi 53209 414-393-1800

# Milwaukee Gentleman's Clubs & Adult Book Stores

#### **Enclosure 2**

#### **Gentleman's Clubs**

Airport Lounge 5881 S. Howell Ave Milwaukee, Wi. 53207 414-747-1142

Art's Performing Center 144 E. Juneau Ave Milwaukee, Wi. 53207 414-271-8288

Camelot 2714 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St. Milwaukee, Wi. 53215 414-672-1113

Club Paradise Gentleman's 813 S. 1st St. Milwaukee, Wi. 53204 414-647-0130

Cheetah Club 5048 N 35<sup>th</sup> St. Milwaukee, Wi. 53209 414-462-4136

Encore Gentleman's Club 101 S. Dana Ct. Milwaukee, Wi. 53214 414-257-0234

Heartbreakers 9442 W. National Ave Milwaukee, Wi. 53227 414-545-1550

Hillside Gentleman's Club 2724 S. 13<sup>th</sup> St. Milwaukee, Wi. 53215 414-384-7474 Ricky's 2601 W. State St. Milwaukee, Wi. 53233 414-933-7730

Sahara Riviera 4750 N. Hopkins St. Milwaukee, Wi. 53209 414-527-9064

Silk 11400 W. Silver Spring Milwaukee, Wi. 53225 414-462-7455

Of Note: Wisconsin Strippers Home of the Party Bus 1-888-947-8747

#### **Adult Book Stores**

JR News Adult Video 831 N 27<sup>th</sup> St Milwaukee, Wi. 414-344-9686

Libra Adult Book & Video 2945 S 13<sup>th</sup> St Milwaukee, Wi. 414-647-9090

Milwaukee Adult Store 544 E. Ogden Ave Milwaukee, Wi. 800-682-7977

The Tool Shed 2427 N. Murray Ave Milwaukee, Wi. 53211 414-906-5304

A Woman's Touch 200 N. Jefferson St. Milwaukee, Wi. 53202 414-221-0400

# List of Online Sites Reviewed

#### **Enclosure 3**

#### **Classified Advertisements:**

- Craigslist.com
- Backpage.com
- CityVibe.com
- Theeroticreview.com
- ASPD.net
- Milwaukee Express
- Amateurmatch.com
- Onlinebootycall.com

## **Escort Advertising:**

- Eroticnorthamerica.com
- Date-check.com
- Preferred411.com
- Eros-guide.com
- Bigdoggie.net
- Sensualmia.com
- Eros-Wisconsin.com
- Myhobbyhorse.com
- Miamicompanions.com

#### **Customer Reviews:**

- Usasexguide.info
- Theeroticreview.com
- ASPD.net
- Bigdoggie.net

## Other:

- Quest Line (Phone Chat)
- Myspace.com
- Facebook.com

# Wisconsin Missing Person Statistics

**Enclosure 4** 

## as of November 1, 2008

**Total missing persons in Wisconsin: 1095** 

Missing Children		Missing Adults	
(17 and younger)	831	(18 and older)	264
Breakdown by gender		Breakdown by gender	
Male	385	Male	146
<b>Female</b>	<mark>446</mark>	Female	118
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Involuntary		Involuntary	
	8		28
Involuntary Endangered	8 113	Involuntary Endangered	28 86
Involuntary Endangered Disabled	8 113 2	Involuntary Endangered Disabled	28 86 57

### \*NCIC Categories

For statistical purposes, each victim is assigned to the category that is most applicable.

**Involuntary:** A person of any age who is missing under circumstances indicating that the disappearance was not voluntary. (e.g., stranger abductions, family abductions)

**Endangered:** A person of any age who is missing and under circumstances indicating that his/her physical safety is in danger. (e.g., abductions by stranger or family)

Disabled: A person of any age who is missing and under proven physical/mental disability or is senile, thereby subjecting himself/herself or others to personal and immediate danger.

**Catastrophe:** A person of any age who is missing after a natural or man-made catastrophe.

A person who is missing and declared unemancipated as defined by the laws of **Juvenile:** 

his/her state of residence and does not meet the entry criteria set forth in any other category. (e.g., runaways, "throwaways" - evicted by parent/guardian)

The date of emancipation in Wisconsin is the subject's 18th birthday.

# **Example of Sex Trafficking**

**Enclosure 5** 

# Craigslist child sex ads lead to arrests

## Investigators follow rising use of Web site in prostitution

By John Diedrich of the Journal Sentinel

Posted: Apr. 9, 2008

A 15-year-old girl who ran away from home in western Wisconsin sold sex acts in Milwaukee to men who found her ad and photo on Craigslist, according to court documents.

The girl, who said she took a Greyhound bus from her home in Onalaska to Milwaukee in the fall, told detectives she had sex with 10 men in 14 days, earning \$1,500, according to a search warrant unsealed this week.

The popular classified advertising Web site Craigslist, better known as a place to sell things and sublet apartments, has increasingly become a marketplace for prostitution, including sex trafficking of children, raising alarm among law enforcement and prosecutors.

"It seems like the more people we arrest off Craigslist, the more people post (prostitution) ads on it," said Capt. Timothy Burkee, head of the Milwaukee police Vice Control Division.

Law enforcement on all levels are investigating such cases, noting the Web gives them plenty of clues to follow and charges to pursue, including child pornography.

"The Internet is a good source of evidence in terms of photos and e-mail," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Leonid Feller from Detroit, where an online prostitution ring that advertised in Milwaukee and other cities was recently busted. "Obviously, the negative side is that it means child pornography is much more prevalent."

San Francisco-based Craigslist doesn't allow illegal activity including prostitution ads but some public officials, including Connecticut's attorney general, say the company hasn't done enough to keep those ads off the site.

A Craigslist spokeswoman said Tuesday the company discourages prostitution ads by posting warnings, blocking ads that contain certain words, asking users to flag illegal ads, cooperating with law enforcement and taking other precautions.

"Our hearts go out to the victim and their family, and there is nothing more gut-wrenching to our staff than to hear Craigslist has been abused to exploit children," said Susan MacTavish Best of Craigslist.

In another Milwaukee case, a man was sentenced last month to four years in prison for prostituting a 16-year-old girl, also on Craigslist. Rufus Jackson, 28, also was charged with having sex with the girl.

In that case, Jackson took in the girl, also a runaway whose hometown was not listed. He began having sex with her and later forced her into prostitution, according to the criminal complaint. Jackson took nude photos of the girl and posted them on Craigslist, it says.

Jackson beat the girl and threatened her by putting a gun to her head, demanding she make more money in prostitution, it said. She met men for sex at the Port Motel, 9717 W. Appleton Ave., according to the complaint, where an undercover officer found the 16-year-old in December.

When officers went to arrest Jackson at his home in the 8700 block of W. Appleton Ave., he ran and fought officers, the complaint indicates.

It was unclear Tuesday whether Jackson was connected to the case involving the 15-year-old Onalaska girl.

Milwaukee police found that girl's ad on Craigslist offering oral sex and other acts. She also was advertised as working with another female whose age was not listed in the warrant. Like the 16-year-old, detectives found the Onalaska girl at the Port Motel.

Around that time, 33 advertisements on Craigslist offered prostitution in the Milwaukee area, about half of them from the 15-year-old girl, the warrant indicates.

Police later arrested a 21-year-old man who paid for computer time at Kinko's copy center, enabling the girl to post her ad on Craigslist, according to the warrant, which sought surveillance photos from the Kinko's. That man, who also was prostituting himself, the warrant says, has not been charged.

A man who answered a phone number listed to him hung up on a reporter Tuesday.

In Detroit, five people - including Robert C. "Motor City Mink" Daniels and Dennis "Detroit Slim" Paige - were charged with running a prostitution ring in several cities using Craigslist and other Web sites, according to federal court documents.

The defendants are charged with prostituting women and girls, advertising sex for sale on Craigslist in Milwaukee and other cities, Feller said.

"We don't have any direct evidence of folks (prostituting) in Milwaukee, but we certainly are still looking," he said.

Burkee said Milwaukee police began monitoring Craigslist for prostitution about three years ago. "As the technology advanced and prostitution emerged in the electronic world, we had to start monitoring that," Burkee said. "I think (enforcement) is starting to have an impact because it had not been enforced for a period of time. The problem was much deeper than anyone anticipated."