

## Introduction

We, the members of the 27<sup>th</sup> Investigating Grand Jury, having received and reviewed evidence regarding allegations of Violations of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, occurring in Philadelphia County, pursuant to Notice of Submission No. 22, do hereby make the following findings of facts, conclusions, and recommendation of charges.

## Findings of Fact

This investigation commenced with investigators in the Special Victims Unit of the Philadelphia Police Department in April of 2012. Detective James Owens testified before the Grand Jury that on April 16, 2012, he received a report of human sex trafficking occurring out of 21 W. Harvey Street in the city and county of Philadelphia. The initial report was made by V.J., who told investigators that S.F. and her boyfriend (later identified as R.H.) had recruited her for the purpose of having sex with men in exchange for money. S.F. collected all of the proceeds from the men with whom V.J. had sex. S.F. and R.H. assaulted V.J. while she was staying with them on Harvey Street, prompting her to call police.

As part of his investigation into S.F. and R.H., Detective Owens testified that he examined other reports of criminal activity occurring at 21 W. Harvey Street. He found two other complaints had been made to the Special Victims Unit involving S.F. and R.H. at that same residence. One of the reports originated on April 8, 2012, at a hospital in New Jersey, made by the victim in this investigation. She went to the hospital seeking treatment for severe vaginal pain and discomfort she sustained as a result of repeated sexual abuse. The victim told the treating nurse that she had been forced into prostitution by S.F. Police did not interview the victim at that time as she was removed from the hospital prior to their arrival. It was later determined that the name provided to hospital staff was not the victim's true name.

Detective Owens testified that based on these reports he executed a search warrant at 21 W. Harvey Street on April 17, 2012. S.F. and R.H. were detained at that time and transported to the Special Victims Unit where both gave statements to Detective Owens. S.F. told Detective Owens that the victim stayed with her and R.H. on W. Harvey Street in exchange for the victim having sex with men for money. S.F. admitted that the victim was one of five girls she prostituted out of W. Harvey Street. R.H. stated that he knew the victim from the neighborhood,

and frequently saw her hanging outside a local high school. He admitted introducing the victim to S.F.

Detective Owens, with the assistance of FBI Special Agent Joseph Carpenter, then attempted to identify and locate the victim. In July of 2012, Special Agent Carpenter received information from law enforcement in the state of Georgia that the 14-year-old victim, who had been reported missing in Philadelphia on March 2, 2012, was in their custody and had been identified as a child sex trafficking victim. Special Agent Carpenter learned that the victim was forensically interviewed in Georgia where she described being forced to have sex with men for money while staying with S.F. and R.H. She further disclosed that she was taken to a law office in Center City Philadelphia and had sex with a lawyer who paid money to S.F. Based on the information provided, Detective Owens was able to discern the victim's legal name.

Detective Owens testified that he met with the victim at the Special Victims Unit on March 18, 2014, shortly after she returned to Philadelphia. The victim confirmed much of the information she gave in her forensic interview in Georgia and further detailed how S.F. and R.H. repeatedly assaulted and threatened her with death if she ever left. She also provided more in depth information about the men with whom S.F. forced her to engage in acts of prostitution. She told Detective Owens that one of those men was a lawyer she knew as "Meehan." The victim described him as a white male in his 40s, with dark hair. She also described the location of his office and the layout of the interior. The victim also stated that she remembered the name "Dorfman" as being associated with the office. The victim said that S.F. took her to Meehan's office multiple times to engage in sex with him for money.

After interviewing the victim, Detective Owens testified that he ran several criminal record checks, including the court history dockets of prior criminal cases for both S.F. and R.H. Both had been previously represented by an attorney named Brian P. Meehan, employed by the law firm Bishop, Dorfman, Lazaroff, and Meehan, located at 1617 JFK Boulevard. Brian Meehan fit the description of the attorney "Meehan" with whom the victim had sex; however, due to the lengthy period of time since their last encounter, the victim was unable to make a photo identification.

On May 7, 2014, Detective Owens executed an arrest warrant for S.F. and R.H. at 21 W. Harvey Street. Both S.F. and R.H. provided post-*Miranda* statements to Detective Owens.

When asked about an attorney named “Meehan,” S.F. explained that she had met Meehan through her friend “CoCo” (later identified as C.F.), who worked as a dancer. S.F. stated that she knew Meehan for years, and had done “dates” on her own with him. S.F. reported that she had two girls working for her whom she took to Meehan at his office, located at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and JFK Boulevard. Meehan paid her a fee in exchange for sexual intercourse with those girls. Detective Owens testified that S.F. indicated that the victim was one of the girls she and R.H. brought to Meehan. S.F. was shown a photo array and identified and signed a photo of Brian Meehan as the lawyer to whom she sold these girls. R.H. admitted to Detective Owens driving S.F. and the victim to Meehan’s office and waiting outside in the car. Additionally, he acknowledged that Brian Meehan had previously represented him on a criminal case. R.H. also identified Brian Meehan in a photo array. Detective Owens then ran a criminal record search for C.F. and learned that Brian Meehan had also represented her on a prior criminal matter.

The victim testified before the Grand Jury. She stated that S.F. and R.H. forced her to stay with them in March of 2012. They physically assaulted her, threatened her, and told her they would kill her if she attempted to leave. During her time with S.F. and R.H., they forced her to work as a prostitute. She described engaging in sexual acts with numerous men in exchange for money paid to S.F., who only gave her a portion during the first few days of her captivity. S.F. sold her to over twenty men a week. The victim testified to going on “out-calls” (being taken to a person’s home or place of business to engage in sexual activity with them). She testified that when she was 14-years-old, S.F. and R.H. took her on several “out-calls” to see Meehan in a law office in Center City, located in a big building somewhere close to City Hall and “PECO.” S.F. would take her into the lobby where they would meet Meehan. Meehan would then escort the victim, sometimes with S.F., to his office suite. The victim also remembered seeing two younger black male security guards when she entered the building. The last time she went there, she described seeing one black male security guard and one who appeared to be of Mexican descent. On one occasion, S.F. took the victim to Meehan while C.F. was there with him, laughing and talking. The victim testified that C.F. also used to have sex with Meehan and that C.F. introduced S.F. to Meehan.

The victim described the layout of Meehan’s office to the Grand Jury. After walking into the suite, directly in front was a receptionist’s desk, to the right was a hallway, and to the left a

big office. The kitchen was located near the receptionist's desk. Inside the office that Meehan took her to, she described a big window, long table in the center of the room and a couch to the left. The victim testified that Meehan engaged in vaginal and oral intercourse with her inside that office on several occasions, either on the couch or on the floor in front of the windows. Meehan offered her alcohol he kept in the kitchen which she refused and he drank. On another occasion when the victim was in his office, Meehan asked her if she wanted "Irish Potatoes." The victim reported that Meehan often talked about his wife and three daughters and trips he had taken, even suggesting that she might accompany him for travel. The victim testified that Meehan told her that he knew she was only 14-years-old, because S.F. had told him. He told the victim that S.F. knew that he liked younger girls and that the youngest girl he had sex with was a 12-year-old. While Meehan always paid S.F. to have sex with the victim, he also gave her some additional money to keep.

As part of his continuing investigation, Detective Owens determined that "Guardsmark" is the security company that provides services to 1617 JFK Boulevard, also known as One Penn Center. He subpoenaed and received employment records for all security guards employed by Guardsmark in early 2012 (per the timeframe provided by the victim for her visits to Meehan – March 2012). Detective Owens located two security guards assigned to the front desk at One Penn Center who recalled suspicious activity relating to Brian Meehan. The security supervisor at One Penn Center (hereinafter Confidential Witness #1) testified before the Grand Jury that he has been employed in his current position for the past eight years, working from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Part of his job duties include managing the front desk in the lobby and ensuring that visitors sign in on the log. Confidential Witness #1 testified that he became suspicious that a certain female may have been visiting Brian Meehan in the building for purposes of prostitution or other sexual related activity and identified that female as S.F. in a photo array. Confidential Witness #1 was not shown a photo of the victim as she only went to the office after his shift would have ended.

Confidential Witness #1 testified that he became suspicious of S.F. after observing her interactions with Meehan. When Meehan would meet her in the lobby, they appeared to have more of an intimate or personal relationship than Meehan had with his other clients. They walked closely together and Meehan had more physical contact with her than anyone else he met

in the lobby. On certain occasions, Meehan would meet S.F. in the lobby and escort her to his office. Since she was his guest, she was not required to sign in. Other times, Meehan would meet S.F. in the lobby and they would leave the building together. Confidential Witness #1 testified that Meehan's interactions with S.F. also drew the attention of another security guard, Confidential Witness #2, who worked with Confidential Witness #1 in 2012. Confidential Witness #1 testified that when he first became suspicious of S.F.'s relationship with Meehan, Confidential Witness #2 pointed to her and said that she and Meehan were intimate. After Confidential Witness #2 pointed her out, S.F. would smirk and smile at them, giving Confidential Witness #1 the impression that she knew that they were aware of her business with Meehan. Confidential Witness #1 also testified to the friendly relationship Meehan had with Confidential Witness #2. Meehan would send photos of naked women to Confidential Witness #2's cellular phone which he later showed to Confidential Witness #1. Confidential Witness #2 also told Confidential Witness #1 that on one of S.F.'s visits to Meehan, she gave Meehan a "blow job" in his office. When Meehan greeted S.F. in the lobby, Confidential Witness #1 observed Meehan smile and wink at Confidential Witness #2. Confidential Witness #1 approximated that he saw S.F. three to five times, the last in 2012.

The Grand Jury also heard testimony from Confidential Witness #2 who worked as a security guard in the lobby for a couple years, ending in June of 2012. He first worked the night shift, 4:00 p.m. to midnight, and then switched to the 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. shift (the same shift as Confidential Witness #1) for his last several months. Confidential Witness #2 testified that he had a friendly relationship with Meehan and noticed that Meehan had "quite a few more" female guests than any other attorney tenant in the building. Several of these women visited Meehan multiple times. Confidential Witness #2 identified S.F. in a photo array as one of the women who frequently visited Meehan. Confidential Witness #2 saw her multiple times a week on both his shifts. He testified that in certain instances, S.F. would sign in and go directly to Meehan's office and other times Meehan would meet her in the lobby before escorting her to his office. Meehan would smile or smirk at Confidential Witness #2 when he was with S.F., which led him to believe Meehan was having a sexual relationship with her. She would remain in his office for twenty minutes to an hour. Confidential Witness #2 further stated that he saw S.F. with one or two other young black females who appeared to be in their late teens or early twenties.

Confidential Witness #2 also reported that Meehan would show him pictures of young black women on his cellular phone, asking him what he thought of them. Meehan progressed to showing Confidential Witness #2 photos of naked women which appeared to have been taken with his cellular phone. Often, Meehan told him that he “was banging her,” or similar types of statements as he displayed the photos. Meehan also indicated that some of the females in the photos were his clients. Confidential Witness #2 testified that one of the naked photos Meehan showed him was S.F. Meehan sent several of these photos to Confidential Witness #2, which he showed to Confidential Witness #1 before deleting them.

Detective Owens collaborated with human trafficking agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) who apprised him that S.F. was stopped by agents in March of 2014 in an unrelated prostitution investigation. S.F. consented to her cellular phone being “dumped,” a process where investigators copy the contents of a cellular phone. FBI agents provided that information to Detective Owens, who presented it to the Grand Jury. On March 5, 2014, S.F. exchanged several text messages with a contact listed as “Meehan” at 610-608-5187. Detective Owens subpoenaed the cellular phone records for that number from January 1, 2012 through June 1, 2012 (the relevant timeframe during which the victim had contact with Meehan). Detective Owens received records showing that the subscriber to the account for that number is a managing partner of Meehan’s law firm at 1617 JFK Boulevard, Suite 1290 and the number is assigned to Brian Meehan. Call logs show that Meehan’s cellular phone made or received calls from S.F.’s cellular phone on four different dates between January 1, 2012 and June 1, 2012. (S.F. provided her cellular phone number to Detective Owens in April, 2012.) On March 10, 2012, there was a one minute call at 1:49 p.m. On March 16, 2012, three calls were made to/from S.F.: a one minute call at 3:38 p.m.; a one minute call at 4:52 p.m.; and a two minute call at 4:52 p.m. On March 23, 2012, there were two calls between Meehan and S.F.; a one minute call at 4:18 pm and a second one minute call at 6:27 p.m. There were also two calls on May 30, 2012.

On October 9, 2014, Detective Owens applied for and obtained a search warrant authorizing him to photograph Meehan’s office suite at 1617 JFK Boulevard and seize Meehan’s cellular phone, files for S.F., R.H., C.F., and/or the victim, and any other items related to this investigation. Detective Owens executed the search warrant on the morning of October 10,

2014, with his partner, Officer Edward Lichtenhahn, FBI Special Agents Michael Goodhue and Jennifer Batish, Officers Jacqueline Davis and Gregory Yacilla and Sergeant Stephen Crosby, assigned to the Philadelphia Crime Scene Unit. Detective Owens testified that after they entered the suite, he approached Meehan and seized his cellular phone from his person. He asked Meehan if he knew S.F., R.H., or C.F. and Meehan hesitated before replying that he might have represented them in the past. Meehan handed over files for S.F. and R.H., but stated that C.F.'s file might be archived. Detective Owens testified that he saw Meehan's calendar on his desk and noticed C.F.'s last name listed multiple times on recent pages. When he asked Meehan about the name, Meehan again hesitated and then admitted that the name might be one of the people about whom Detective Owens had initially inquired. As a result, Detective Owens seized the calendar.

C.F.'s full name, last name or initials appear in the calendar twenty-one times from January 26, 2014 through September 14, 2014. The majority of those appointments were scheduled between 12:00 to 12:45 p.m. or around 4:30/4:45 p.m. Notably, on June 21, 2014, there is an entry that contains C.F.'s last name and the date "6/21/1988" with the number 26 circled beneath it. Detective Owens testified that when he ran a criminal records check on C.F., her date of birth is listed as 6/21/1988, making her 26-years-old.

Police Officer Jacqueline Davis also testified before the Grand Jury and presented a Crime Scene Unit diagram depicting the floor plan of Suite 1290. She also presented photographs of the interior of the office suite. The photos and diagram of the office depict the same layout described by the victim. After entering the suite, there is a receptionist desk straight ahead, a hallway to the right, and a conference room immediately to the left of the entrance door. Centered in the conference room is a long table, with a couch and two chairs to the left. There are two large windows. Officer Davis also testified that the conference room is the only room in the suite that has a lock and presented a photograph of the door knob, which locks from the inside and requires a key to open.

Police Sergeant Stephen Crosby testified before the Grand Jury that he applied an alternative light source (ultra-violet light) to the couch and chairs in the conference room to detect any bodily fluids, specifically semen. Several stains on the couch, as well as stains on one of the chairs and the floor directly in front of the couch, showed a positive reaction. Those portions were cut out and seized as evidence. Sergeant Crosby testified that he and Officer

Davis conducted two presumptive tests, including an Acid Phosphatase test which detects seminal fluid, on the samples and both indicated the presence of seminal fluid.

Detective Owens further testified that during and after the execution of the search warrant, the attorneys and staff members in the office were fully cooperative with investigators. An office staff member, Confidential Witness #3, testified before the Grand Jury that she has worked with Brian Meehan for 28 years and considers him a close friend. They often discussed their personal lives and he frequently talked about his wife and three daughters. She also testified that around the holidays, Meehan's wife often sent baked goods to the office. For St. Patrick's Day, she always sent "Irish Potatoes" for the firm's employees. Confidential Witness #3 also testified that it was not uncommon for Meehan to meet certain clients in the lobby and escort them directly to the conference room. When that occurred, neither she nor any other office staff would have interaction with that client.

The cellular phone seized from Meehan was forensically analyzed by Detective Christopher Tanklewicz of the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. He testified that he was able to identify several text message exchanges between Meehan and C.F. Detective Tanklewicz also recovered hundreds of pornographic websites from the internet history of Meehan's phone. Over thirty-five of those websites included pornographic videos with "teen" in the title.

Based on the foregoing evidence, we, the Grand Jury, conclude that on several occasions in March of 2012, Brian P. Meehan intentionally and knowingly engaged in unlawful sexual contact with a minor, fourteen-year-old victim, in his law office located at 1617 JFK Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA.

#### Recommendation of Charges

Based on the evidence we have obtained and considered, which establishes a prima facie case, we, the members of the 27<sup>th</sup> Investigating Grand Jury, recommend that the District Attorney or his designee, institute criminal proceedings against Brian P. Meehan and charge him with the following offenses:

- Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse 18 Pa.C.S. § 3123 (a)(7)
- Statutory Sexual Assault 18 Pa.C.S. § 3122.1 (b)
- Unlawful Contact with a Minor 18 Pa.C.S. § 6318



- Corrupting the Morals of a Minor 18 Pa.C.S. § 6301
- Indecent Assault 18 Pa.C.S. § 3126 (a)(8)
- Promoting Prostitution of a Minor 18 Pa.C.S. § 5902 (b.1)(3) & (8)
- Patronizing Prostitutes 18 Pa.C.S. § 5902 (e)