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**Union Man Pleads Guilty to Soliciting a Minor  
in Connection with Sex Trafficking**

JACKSON, MS – A Union man pleaded guilty today before U.S. District Court Judge Carlton W. Reeves to Sex Trafficking of a Minor.

According to court documents, Hubert Lee Horton, 43, communicated with another individual by cell phone for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex with a minor. Horton asked for and received images of the minor and negotiated the price that he would pay for various sexual acts.

Horton pleaded guilty to a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1591(a)(1) which criminalizes the trafficking of a minor child for purposes of engaging in sexual intercourse for money. He is scheduled to be sentenced on September 1, 2022 and faces a minimum penalty of 10 years in prison up to life in prison. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

U.S. Attorney Darren J. LaMarca of the Southern District of Mississippi; and Jermicha Fomby, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation made the announcement.

The Union Police Department, Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, and the FBI are investigating the case.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles W. Kirkham is prosecuting the case.

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