

AG Fitch Announces Sentencing from Undercover Operation



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Lynn Fitch

(Jackson County, Mississippi) Today, Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced the sentencing of Devante Dominic Jefferson of Gulfport, Mississippi for four counts of promoting prostitution and one count of possession of a controlled substance. This case was investigated and prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office, with the assistance of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

"My office is committed to disrupting criminal activity in our State and ensuring the safety and security of our communities," **said Attorney General Lynn Fitch**. "We will hold these criminals accountable and make certain that every victim has access to the resources they need to start the journey of rebuilding their lives."

On August 14, 2025, Jackson County Circuit Court **Judge Calvin Taylor** sentenced Jefferson to seven years in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) and three years of post-release supervision. He was ordered to pay \$1,000 to the Mississippi Crime Victim Compensation Fund, \$1,000 to the Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund.

This case originated with a tip from a concerned citizen. The Attorney General's Office has partnered with Simply Report – a website and app that gives you the ability to report tips of human trafficking and child exploitation to law enforcement in my office. Go to <https://www.simplyreport.com/> or download the free app from the Apple App or Google Play Store. Your tip could be the act that saves a life.



Devante Dominic Jefferson

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