

# AG Schimel: Announces arrest of alleged human trafficker operating in Wisconsin and eight other states

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MADISON, Wis. – Today, Attorney General Schimel announced the arrest of Glenwood Brown, Jr. of Chicago on charges involving human trafficking in at least nine states. The investigation was led by Human Trafficking Bureau agents from the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), with assistance from the FBI.

“Buying sex is not a victimless crime, as once again evidenced by this case,” said Attorney General Schimel. “DCI and law enforcement at all levels – federal, state, and local – share a common mission and are united in disrupting human trafficking, helping survivors, and prosecuting perpetrators.”

According to the criminal complaint filed in Outagamie County Brown allegedly trafficked two young women out of hotel rooms in Appleton and Grand Chute using the now-defunct website Backpage. The complaint alleges Brown’s human trafficking operation expanded beyond Wisconsin. Further investigation revealed that Brown allegedly posted 225 advertisements for prostitution services in at least nine states around the country, including Alabama, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin. Women were coerced into sexual relationships with “johns,” and Brown financially profited, according to the complaint. Brown was arrested on Thursday, August 7 and is being held by the Outagamie County Sheriff’s Office.

The DCI Human Trafficking Bureau was established in 2017 to provide a coordinated statewide strategy to identify, target and prosecute traffickers in order to combat human trafficking and provide needed assistance to survivors. DOJ’s anti-human

trafficking efforts aim to make Wisconsin inhospitable to human traffickers and to support victim-centered strategies and partnerships throughout the state.

For more information about human trafficking visit [www.BeFreeWisconsin.com](http://www.BeFreeWisconsin.com).

A suspect is innocent until proven guilty.