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Victim: Angela Williams

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The Honorable Judge Gloria M. Navarro

U.S. District Court, District of Nevada

333 Las Vegas Boulevard South

Las Vegas, NV 89101

My name is Angela Williams. It has come to my attention that my ex-trafficker, Jamal Rashid, is awaiting sentencing for a crime he plead guilty to; a crime relation to his career in the sex trade industry. Unfortunately this crime is only a fraction of what Mr. Rashid has done to victimize, coerce, manipulate, and brainwash myself and many other women to work for his illegal nationwide sex trade operations. I met Mr. Rashid after he invited me to his West Los Angeles condo after recruiting me on a social media website [myspace.com](https://www.myspace.com). Mr. Rashid promised me a lavish and luxurious life and constantly sold me empty dreams of one day exiting prostitution. After being manipulated I began working for him as a prostitute through his escort service in other cities across America. I was given no choice on the hours I worked, I was not allowed to turn down the sex buyers his company arranged me to sexually service, and was brainwashed into giving him with full understanding the money I was giving the service was fully going to Mr. Rashid. He alluded me to believe he was my "pimp". Once I was given an employee number... at one point I was #7. When I would provide sexual services to multiple men in exchange for money I would be instructed to deposit the amount + 7cents to identify me. I was stripped of everything I knew and loved and turned into a professional trained sex worker. I no longer knew myself. Soon I felt like I was a robot sex slave to this man and his company, no more than employee #7. I remember being given barely enough money to cover hotel rooms & 1 meal. I would have to "earn" my first winter coat after begging for a coat in the middle of a Chicago winter. I also remember having to beg to see a gynecologist after sexually serving so many clients my vagina was in so much pain! Mr. Rashid advised me to disregard my legal issues because in his words he had a "Dream Team" of lawyers who would get me out of any situation. Mr. Rashid was always painting a pretty picture of this luxury living often describing himself as the "Hugh Hefner" of the pimp and hoe subculture. Mr. Rashid is often downplayed because of his music career he earned of investing the money off myself and other women's bodies and souls. What's important is for me to express after being sexually exploited by Mr. Rashid, manipulation and coercion is much more dangerous from people with as much money and resources as him! Today I suffer from PTSD and have a hard time trusting people. I live my life day to day not knowing when my PTSD will take control of my day. When I am overwhelmed with memories it makes me have panic attacks. When a street prostitute sexually services a sex buyer those encounters last no more than an average of 15 minutes. When I was sexually exploited by Mr. Rashid I would be purchased for 1 hour to in some cases 8+ hours where I have the worst memories of feeling owned by the sex buyer and pressured by Mr. Rashid's business to sexually please these disgusting men. I can't even enjoy a common family vacation because hotel room and lavish amenities remind me of being stripped of my dignity and forced to compromise my morals. At this point justice is in your hands and I only choose to relay my experience with Mr. Rashid and it's effects on me. I hope you consider this as I am one of so many women and girls sexually exploited by Mr. Rashid. At times I feel being a victim of sexual exploitation is worse than being "labeled" for any other vice. In the worlds eyes I can change my life for the better but always be "labeled" a prostitute. In hindsight I can have justice knowing he can finally know what it feels like to be "labeled" too! Please consider my existence and the many other women he exploited when sentencing him for this crime because every soul counts!

Respectfully,

Angela Williams 07/12/2020