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MEMPHIS, TN—Sean McWhirter, 30, of Memphis, Tennessee, was sentenced today to one year and one day in federal prison following his guilty plea to one count of transportation of individuals in interstate commerce for the purpose of prostitution (Mann Act), announced United States Attorney Edward L. Stanton, III and A. Todd McCall, Special Agent in Charge of the Memphis Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to the facts alleged in the indictment and revealed during plea and sentencing hearings, on September 13, 2012, while on duty and in his patrol car, McWhirter agreed to transport three women to a location in Tunica, Mississippi, for the purpose of prostitution. Subsequently, on September 16, 2012, while off duty, McWhirter delivered two women from Memphis to a hotel in Tunica. Upon entering the room with the women, McWhirter was arrested by special agents and task force officers of the FBI. McWhirter was a five-year veteran of the Memphis Police Department who was serving as a patrolman at the time of his arrest.

McWhirter pleaded guilty to the charge on October 7, 2013. In addition to the prison sentence, U.S. District Judge S. Thomas Anderson ordered McWhirter to serve five years of supervised release. There is no parole in the federal system.

This crime was investigated by the Tarnished Badge Task Force, which is composed of investigators from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Memphis Police Department, and Shelby County Sheriff's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brian K. Coleman on behalf of the government.

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