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POLICE BEAT Sheriff deputy arrested for prostitution deal

Posted by Leslie Newell Peacock on Fri, Jun 14, 2013 at 12:21 PM

A **Garland County sheriff's deputy** was arrested last night on a federal warrant for enticing an individual to engage in prostitution, the **U.S. Attorney Conner Eldridge** and the **FBI** just announced.

The charge says **Cpl. Neil Parliament** "arranged for and facilitated the travel of a prostitute working out of Memphis to come to Hot Springs for the purposes of exchanging sexual activity for money" from January to June this year. The warrant alleges that Parliament used the prostitute himself and also arranged meetings for others.

The sheriff's office said Parliament, 39, a marine patrol officer, has been suspended without pay while the federal investigation is ongoing. He is being held in the Union County Jail.

The arrest was part of the FBI's "**Denied Innocence Task Force**" effort. The full press release is on the jump.

GARLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH PROSTITUTION OFFENSE

Hot Springs, Arkansas – Conner Eldridge, United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas, and Randall C. Coleman, FBI Special Agent in Charge, announced that Garland County Sheriff's Deputy Neil Parliament was arrested yesterday, June 13, on a federal warrant for enticing an individual to engage in prostitution. Parliament is a marine patrol officer with the Garland County Sheriff's office.

United States Attorney Eldridge commented, "As stated in the complaint, this case involves serious allegations of activity by a sheriff's deputy involving prostitution. This case indicates that we will investigate and prosecute such criminal activity, including when those in positions of public trust violate that trust by engaging in criminal activity."

"Last night's arrest is a result of the dedicated efforts of our Denied Innocence Task Force," stated Agent Coleman. "The charge against the officer in this case—involving enticing a person across state lines for prostitution—is a serious one that our task force is committed to aggressively investigating."

As charged in the complaint, from January to June of 2013, Parliament arranged for and facilitated the travel of a prostitute working out of Memphis to come to Hot Springs for the purposes of exchanging sexual activity for money. Over the course of the investigation, it was discovered that Parliament had not only engaged the services of the prostitute himself but also facilitated meetings and introductions between the prostitute and others for sexual activity.

If convicted, Parliament faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

This case was investigated by the FBI Denied Innocence Task Force. Assistant United States Attorney Dustin Roberts is prosecuting the case for the United States.

The charges in a complaint are only allegations. A person is presumed innocent unless or until he or she is proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Tags: Cpl. Neil Parliament, FBI, Conner Eldridge, prostitution, Image



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Speaking of...

A 1st Amendment lesson for Arkansas legislators

June 20, 2013

by Max Brantley

The Arkansas legislature — particularly the dictatorial John Burris and David Sanders — should be required to read an important 1st Amendment decision today by the U.S. Supreme Court. [/more/](#)

Chris Thyer: Informant in Shoffner case will eventually be identified

May 20, 2013

by Max Brantley

David Koon reports from the news conference this afternoon by U.S. Attorney Chris Thyer of the Eastern District of Arkansas, who brought the charge against state Treasurer Martha Shoffner, and Western District U.S. Attorney Conner Eldridge, who buttressed the message that the feds are looking for corruption statewide. [/more/](#)

UPDATED: Shoffner charged with pie-box delivery of kickbacks from securities salesman; released after hearing

May 20, 2013

by Max Brantley

The details of the federal charge against Martha Shoffner have been released in a criminal complaint from the FBI: I'll pass along as quickly as I can my notes from a reading of the complaint over the phone. [/more/](#)

UPDATE: FBI confirms State Treasurer Martha Shoffner's arrest, apparently for official misconduct

May 18, 2013

by Max Brantley

The shoe drops. This mug shot of Democratic state Auditor Martha Shoffner appeared on the Pulaski County sheriff's office jail intake page late this afternoon. [/more/](#)

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This is the "best use" of FBI-U.S. Attorney resources?

I can fully understand investigating and prosecuting sexual and human slavery traffic.

But really fellows, working girls and their johns, c'mon. This is a once-per yr event for locals when city coffers and political profiles are low or when a junior prosecutor needs his name on 6 o'clock news.

Is DOJ really this desperate?

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Posted by **eLwood** on 06/14/2013 at 12:30 PM



Wonder if this plays into the Dawna Natzke investigation?

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Posted by **Vanessa** on 06/14/2013 at 12:35 PM



Shop locally, people.

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Posted by **Conwegian** on 06/14/2013 at 12:37 PM



How is a prostitute within the purview of the "Denied Innocence Task Force"? What BS. The "Denied Innocence Task Force" is for child pornography, not working girls trying to make a buck.

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Posted by **TuckerMax** on 06/14/2013 at 12:41 PM



many prostitutes are trafficked, which means they are slaves to their pimps. they are sexually, physically and emotionally abused to keep them working/making him money. that combined with the fact that the majority of sex workers (prostitutes, escorts, porn actresses, exotic dancers) were sexually abused as children, makes it difficult to say many prostitutes are fully choosing such a life.

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Posted by **kateicl** on 06/14/2013 at 1:37 PM

kateicl, the lady of the evening was driving herself from Memphis to H.S. for bidness.
It's the world's oldest profession and, conversely, likely the oldest system of human abuse in the world.