Chandler Male in Court for "Massage Parlor" Prostitution Ring

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Adam Munoz, a Chandler, AZ resident, was brought to court for a <u>prostitution</u> ring disguised as an inhome massage parlor. The 30-year-old pleaded guilty to solicitation to commit illegal control of an enterprise.

What Authorities Found

The Chandler police department became aware of the parlor in September of 2013. They received a tip that the apartment located on Nevada Street was suspected of hosting an illegal massage business.

An undercover cop visited the parlor being leased to Munoz and posed as a customer. The officer discovered that the massage therapists would perform sexual acts after the massage. The therapists would charge customers between \$100 and \$200. Munoz received approximately \$50 of the earnings for every customer.

Munoz was arrested, and sentencing is scheduled for August 25th.

Arizona Prostitution Laws

According to Arizona law, it is illegal to engage in any of the following:

- Transport any individual across the state for the purpose of prostitution.
- Receive a portion of the money earned from prostitution.
- Place an individual in a house of prostitution or any other location for the purpose of prostitution.
- Receive money for placing an individual in a prostitution house.
- Encourage individuals to engage in prostitution.
- Encourage another to engage in prostitution by fraud.
- Operate a house or enterprise of prostitution. This includes any organization or group that offers sex for money.
- Be employed at a prostitution enterprise.
- Detain an individual in a prostitution house due to debt.
- Force your spouse through fraud or threats to engage in prostitution.
- Entice another to engage in prostitution.

Prostitution is a class 1 misdemeanor in Arizona. Pimping and pandering is a class 5 felony and is punishable by up to 2.5 years in prison and other hefty fines.

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