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GUILTY PLEA IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASE

A man accused of pimping, pandering and sexual assault has avoided trial today by pleading guilty in connection with the case.

Germaine “Jello” Wallace (dob: 10-21-72) pleaded guilty earlier today to pimping (F3) and possession of a controlled substance (F4). He was immediately sentenced to 15 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections.

Wallace travelled across the country and operated prostitution rings for more than a decade, leaving behind a trail of victims and a lengthy criminal history. He was arrested in Douglas County in 2010 and later charged in Denver for coercing a 20-year-old woman into prostitution and sexually assaulting her. The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy DA Chris Penny.

Wallace’s guilty plea today is largely the result of work by the FBI’s Innocence Lost Task Force (ILTF), (a joint local, state and federal task force proactively identifying and rescuing victims of human sex trafficking), the work of the Denver Police Department Vice Unit supervised by Sgt. Dan Steele, and the work of an FBI Victim Witness Specialist.

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey praised the work of the task force saying, “The task force approach is really the only way to effectively stop this kind of predator who knows no jurisdictional boundaries. The Innocence Lost Task Force was instrumental in helping us put this dangerous man in prison.”

Wallace’s Denver victim was present in the courtroom during the sentencing hearing today; she is now safely living out of state. Wallace was led in handcuffs from the courtroom into the custody of the Department of Corrections.