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Two Buchanan Co Truckers Accused of Sex Trafficking

(AP)--Two self-employed commercial truck drivers, both from Buchanan County, Missouri, have been charged in federal court with the sex trafficking of a girl under 18 years old.

Prosecutors say 54-year-old Tony Eugene Wardlow of St. Joseph and 48-year-old Thomas Farrell of DeKalb were charged in a six-count indictment unsealed Wednesday.

Wardlow, a registered sex offender, is charged with commercial sex trafficking of a minor, enticement of a minor, transportation of a minor for prostitution and being a felon in possession of a firearm. He could face up to life in prison if convicted, and prosecutors are asking that he be held without bond.

Farrell is charged with the enticement and transportation counts in the March 13 grand jury indictment, handed down under seal.

Neither defendant had obtained an attorney as of Wednesday afternoon.

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