

Case 13

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Title: Human Trafficking and Prostitution with extortion

- What type of trafficking/exploitation is being analysed?**

Sexual THB	Forced Labour	Forced Criminal Activities	Minor Exploitation and forced adoption	Polycrime	Other (Specify the type)	All the aforementioned
X	X	X		X		

- Please provide a brief description of the case (about 500 words)**

A District Court convicted the defendant of three counts of fraud, two counts of trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation, two counts of aggravated trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation in combination with extortion, one count of assault, one count of solicitation to issue false health certificates, one count of solicitation to use false health certificates, one count of pimping in combination with attempted aggravated trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation, and one count of extortion. for the purpose of sexual exploitation, and extortion in combination with bodily injury. with bodily injury to a total term of imprisonment of four years and two months.

- Which is the *modus operandi* of the entities using cyber tools for trafficking and/or exploitation?**

MODUS OPERANDI	Yes/No	Description
To add: Getting in touch via online-means	Yes	Multiple channels were use ("social media" and Tinder)
Other		trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation in combination with



		extortion
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• **Please provide more details on the perpetrator(s):**

Was/were the perpetrator(s) male or female?	Male
Which is the nationality of the perpetrator(s)?	German
In which country was he/she, were they operating?	Germany
Was it an individual or a group?	2 individuals
Were there any preliminary indicators for early detection?	no
Which other aspects are important?	

• **Which were the main characteristics of the victim(s)?**

THB Victims	Involved (x)	Please describe in more detail
Men		
Women	X	
Minors		
LGTBI		
Country of origin	Poland, Romania	
Country of exploitation	Germany	
Capturing Method	X	In clubs and via "social media"
Coercion Method (debt-bonded, victims' families threatened...)	no	
Handing over the passport	no	
Other		
Unknown		

• **What were the money laundering mechanisms used by traffickers?**

Money Laundering Mechanisms	Involved (x)	Please describe in more detail
Checks and money orders to anonymous post office boxes		
Back accounts in foreign countries		
Funnel account(s)		
Route cash from different cities		
Money Mules		



Hawala System		
Purchase of corporate vehicles or real estate		
Cash business entities such as restaurants or bars		
Other		
Unknown		

• **Has the case been tried or is it still under investigation?**

Legal Procedure	Yes/No	Please describe in more detail
Case with judgment	Yes	ECLI:DE:BGH:2018:120418U4STR336.17.0
Under investigation		

• **What was the economic evidence of the crime?**

Economic evidence	Yes/No	Please describe in more detail
Money Transfers	No	
Banks Accounts	No	
Unjustified Financial Wealth	No	
Network Accountancy	No	
Financial Study of the Victim	No	
Wallet Cards	No	
Suspicious transactions	No	
Cryptocurrency exchanges or payments	No	
Cash payments	No	
Faster Payments Inwards (FPI) from the same entity	No	
Same mobile number or email address	No	
Hawala Payments	No	
Various bank accounts beneficiaries	No	
Others	No	
Unknown	No	

• **What activities in internet were considered suspicious?**

Internet Activities	Yes/No	Please describe in more detail
Online money transfers	No	
Purchases at online gaming sites	No	
Ads on Backpage.com or similar sites	No	
Social media to recruitment	yes	



Use of digital platforms to advertise deceptive job offers and to market exploitative services to potential paying customers	No	
Fishing potential victims by posting advertisements	No	
Use of video equipment to stream and broadcast exploitative services	No	
Used of multiple online profiles	No	
Use of specific apps: Please circle the relevant apps or add the name at the end if not listed	No	<p>Ex:</p> <p>1) For Advertising : Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, etc.;</p> <p>2) For Recruitment and Communication: FaceTime, IMO, Messenger, Signal, Signal, Skype, Viber, WA, WeChat, Zalo, etc.</p> <p>3) For Logistic: video-sharing platforms distributing essential logistic instructions, satellite images and photos, planned routes, Google Maps waypoints, GPS data, etc.; Guidance, including mapping applications (Maps.me, Google Maps) for remotely guiding migrants across borders through tailor-made tutorials and YouTube videos containing detailed guides on how to navigate migrant routes, where to cross borders or buy fake documents, how to find smuggling hotspots, shelter or assistance, etc.;</p> <p>4) For Payments, online transfer of fees and documentation of payment proof via messaging services, hawala, etc.</p> <p>5) Countermeasures adopted by smugglers to anonymize their services, AppLocks, Secure Folders, burner applications, DiskDigger, private VPN connections, or clone apps, Fake GPS and modified display caller ID (Numberbook).</p>
Others		

• **Other relevant information or important case specificities:**

	Please describe in more detail

