

Case 26

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Assessed case number: 1 B 109/17

Title: Human Trafficking

- **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						

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

The applicant, who was born in 1991, is appealing in preliminary legal protection proceedings against the rejection of her application for the extension of a residence permit pursuant to Section 25 (4a) sentence 3 of the Residence Act. The applicant is a Nigerian national. According to her own statements, she had been living in Libya since 2008, where she worked as a cleaning lady in a private household. In May 2011, she fled to Italy. There she was last in possession of a residence permit valid until until Jan. 29, 2016 ("PERMESSO DI SOGGIORNO") for the purpose of employment ("TIPO DI PERMESSO: LAV SUBORDINATO"). According to her own statements, she entered the Federal Republic of Germany in March 2015 in order to work there as a prostitute.

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

MODUS OPERANDI	Yes/No	Description
Threatening with Voodoo	Yes	Pressure imposed by a "leader" of Syncretic religion in Nigeria in cooperation with the perpetrator to threaten the female victim.
Other		

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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)?	Nigerian
In which country was he/she, were they operating?	Italy and Germany
Was it an individual or a group?	Group
Were there any preliminary indicators for early detection?	none
Which other aspects are important?	n/a

• **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	Nigeria	
Country of exploitation	Italy, Germany	
Capturing Method	X	Promise of work in Europe
Coercion Method (debt-bonded, victims' families threatened...)	X	'Religious' threatening
Handing over the passport	X	yes
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	x	Western Union money transfer to Nigeria
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	1 B 109/17
Under investigation		

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

Economic evidence	Yes/No	Please describe in more detail
Money Transfers	Yes	
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	No	
Use of digital platforms to advertise	No	



deceptive job offers and to market exploitative services to potential paying customers		
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	No	

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

	Please describe in more detail
	This case is one of a series of similar cases throughout Germany. The relationships of the respective perpetrators to each other, if any, were not determined.

