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# Rochester sisters admit to sex trafficking of minors

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Two Rochester sisters admitted Wednesday that they sexually trafficked two minors, advertising a 14-year-old and 17-year-old for prostitution and driving them to meetings with customers.

Jerese Blue, 27, and Chellsie Blue, 23, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to conspiracy to commit sex trafficking of minors.

The sisters admitted that in 2012 they advertised the two minors on

backpage.com, a website that critics have maintained is a conduit for underage prostitution. The ads claimed that the 14-year-old was an 18-year-old Cuban-Irish girl, authorities alleged.

The 14-year-old was a runaway. She told an FBI agent that "some of the prostitution clients were very rough with her and at times she felt like she was raped," records show.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany Lee, the prosecutor in the case, said in a news release that the sisters knew the girls were

underage.

Under recommended federal sentencing guidelines, Chellsie Blue faces between 135 and 168 months in prison, while Jerese Blue faces 151 to 188 months. Jerese Blue's recommended sentence is longer because of a past criminal record.

The two are scheduled to be sentenced April 9 before U.S. District Judge Frank Geraci Jr.

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