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Good Morning,

Prosecutors Wrap Up Testimony In Murder Trial Of West Virginia Mother. (SSA [REDACTED]) (7C-PG-79477)

[West Virginia MetroNews](#) (4/20) reports from Weston, WV that "prosecutors in the murder trial of Lena Lunsford rested their case Friday, buoyed by emotional testimony from a second daughter recalling how Lunsford dumped the body of 3-year-old Aliayah Lunsford in the woods and concocted a cover-up." The witness, "identified as KC, was 11 at the time of Aliayah's disappearance on Sept. 24, 2011, and took the stand as an 18-year-old at the Lewis County Courthouse." KC "joined younger sister DC, who testified Monday, in claiming they were made to 'promise that we wouldn't tell' about finding Aliayah unresponsive hours after their mother struck the toddler in the head with a wooden bed slat." According to MetroNews, "the sisters say they kept the secret for five years, out of fear for their mother, as Aliayah's missing persons case turned cold."

[WVNews](#) (4/20, Harvey) reports that KC "had a simple answer for why she remains scared of Mom. 'Her favorite line to tell us was: "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out,'" the young woman told jurors Friday." Her testimony "helped Lewis County Prosecutor Christina Flanigan wrap up the state's case with a flourish, nicely bracketing the testimony from a third sister that was delivered Monday, the first day of the trial." WVNews adds that "while defense attorney Tom Dyer pointed out inconsistencies between the statements of the siblings, and between what they said on the stand vs. what they previously had told law enforcement, both accounts were markedly similar:" WVNews adds that "Chief Judge Jake Reger told the Lewis County jury of 10 women, two men and two female alternates that the case likely will get to them for deliberations sometime Monday."

Man Linked To Teen's 2009 Disappearance Allowed To Fire His Attorney. (SSA [REDACTED]) (7C-CO-32083)

The [Charleston \(SC\) Post and Courier](#) (4/20, Knapp, 311K) reports that "a man named by federal authorities in Brittane Drexel's disappearance will be allowed to fire his attorneys, a judge said this week in a decision that could affect his guilty plea in an unrelated case." According to the Post and Courier, "The FBI held a robbery charge over Timothy Da'Shaun Taylor, hoping the threat of prosecution would prod him to reveal details of the 17-year-old vacationer's presumed abduction from Myrtle Beach and slaying in 2009." The Post and Courier adds that Taylor's plea agreement "calls for 10 to 20 years in prison, and when he was expected to learn his fate in January, his sentencing proceeding was abruptly canceled as his lawyers said a 'matter of law' had cropped up."

East Chicago Woman Sentenced To 17 Years In Prison For Sex Trafficking Of A Minor. (SSA [REDACTED]) (50A-IP-6468896)

The [Northwest Indiana Post-Tribune](#) (4/20, Jacobs, 1.23M) reports that Melinda Milton of East Chicago "was sentenced to 17 years in prison for sex trafficking, according to a release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Indiana." Milton "previously pleaded guilty to one count each of sex trafficking of a minor and sex trafficking by fraud and coercion, the release states."

According to the Post-Tribune, "Milton ran a prostitution business for years by advertising females for escort services on the website Backpage.com."

California Fifth-Grade Teacher Charged With Distributing Child Pornography. (SSA [REDACTED]) (Sentinel, Negative)

The [San Diego Union-Tribune](#) (4/20, Davis, 673K) reports that David Gordon Weaks, "a fifth-grade teacher at Rosa Parks Elementary School in City Heights, was arrested Thursday on suspicion of distributing child pornography." According to the Union-Tribune, Weaks "has worked at San Diego Unified School District for 21 years, including a previous teaching post at Bayview Terrace Elementary School, according to the district and online records."

FBI To Assist In Probe Of Hidden Camera Found In Maryland School. (SSA [REDACTED])(FYI)

The [Washington Post](#) (4/20, George, 15.03M) reported that the FBI "will join Prince George's County police in an investigation of a hidden camera discovered in a public-school office." According to the Post, "The device came to wide attention Monday, when Kevin Maxwell, the school system's chief executive, and Hank Stawinski, the county's police chief, jointly hosted a news conference to announce the discovery of the device. ... They said the Baltimore Field Office of the FBI would assist police in a forensic examination of the data recovered."

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