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Former Prostitution Website Operator Pleads Guilty to Assault Plot

David Elms operated a website that rated prostitutes

County Attorney Andrew Thomas announced today that David Elms (DOB 4/9/71) has pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Aggravated Assault, a class 3 felony. Elms operated a website called The Erotic Review, or TER, that allowed men to post reviews for prostitutes. He was arrested by Phoenix Police accused of trying to hire someone to assault a business rival. On February 15, 2009 he was indicted on Conspiracy to Commit Aggravated Assault, a class 3 felony and two drug related charges. He pled guilty to the lead charge on February 9, 2010.

Elms has also pled guilty to Illegal Control of an Enterprise, a class 3 felony. This charge is related to the Desert Divas case. Elms has admitted to allowing TER to be used in promoting the now defunct Desert Divas prostitution syndicate which operated in Arizona.

Elms is scheduled to be sentenced March 8, 2010. Deputy County Attorney AnnieLaurie Van Wie prosecuted the case.

Thomas stated, "Prostitution exploits women, degrades our society and attracts and supports criminal elements in our community. This case has demonstrated that it won't be tolerated in Maricopa County. We thank the Phoenix Police Department for their efforts in this case."

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