

Prostitution earnings offered for man's bond

Prosecution argues funds not legitimate; judge will review

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A judge is considering an unorthodox request from two women who want to use their earnings as prostitutes at a Nevada brothel to help an admitted pimp bond out of the Metro-Nashville jail.

The women testified they are willing to put up the \$7,600 bond premium for Kenneth Maurice "Fresh" Vaughn, who boasted about his control over what he calls his "girls" during an interview broadcast by ABC News' 20/20 in January.

Vaughn has been in Metro jail since August on charges of breaking into and vandalizing a former girlfriend's apartment.

Davidson County prosecutors say that earnings from prostitution are "nonlegitimate" and that Vaughn should not be allowed to benefit from the two women's labors.

Vaughn's lawyer, Assistant Public Defender Dawn Deaner, contends that, because prostitution is legal in most of Nevada, there is no reason Criminal Court Judge Steve Dozier should not allow Garner and Page to pay the premium for Vaughn's bond.

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One of the women who testified yesterday, Shannon Garner of Antioch, said she earned roughly \$5,500 at the Moonlight Bunny Ranch in Carson City during 33 days earlier this year.

She said she has previously worked for what she called Vaughn's "outcall service" in Nashville and Atlanta as a "dancer," not as a prostitute.

April Page, who testified that she is a former police officer from Missouri, said she made more than \$22,000 at the Moonlight Bunny Ranch during 24 days last month.

She said she has never met Vaughn, but she is willing to help him out because Garner, whom she met Feb. 1, is her best friend.

Vaughn, 33, did not testify yesterday, but Assistant District Attorney Sarah Davis asked Dozier to view a videotape of the 20/20 broadcast, which dealt with Vaughn's operations in Atlanta.

Dozier took Vaughn's bond request under advisement yesterday. He said he wants to watch the videotape before he decides

whether to approve Vaughn's release.

Dozier imposed the maximum sentence — two jail terms of 11 months and 29 days each — when he found Vaughn guilty last September of the misdemeanors of aggravated criminal trespass and vandalism. A former girlfriend testified that Vaughn kicked in the door of her apartment Dec. 29, 2000, and then "rummaged through" the place.

Vaughn said that he had formerly lived in the apartment and he was only trying to recover a book that he had left there.

He will have to serve almost 18 months before he will be eligible for release. He is appealing his conviction and sentence to a higher court, but that process could take longer than his sentence.

Dozier said in November that he gave Vaughn the maximum sentence because of his prior record, which included four felony and five misdemeanor convictions, and the fact that he did not comply with the restrictions of his earlier bail, which included electronic monitoring. ■