

# Federal judge sentences Milwaukee pimp to 30 years in prison

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A pimp who once put his image claiming "I am Milwaukee" on a billboard downtown and posted videos of himself counting out \$100,000 was sentenced Wednesday to 30 years in prison followed by five years of supervised release.

Tyrone "HK" McMillian had faced possible life in prison from U.S. District Judge Charles N. Clevert, who abruptly adjourned McMillian's sentencing hearing last week.

Clevert said then that he wanted more time to fully consider records submitted to the court and statements made during a morning-long hearing, including from McMillian, his mother and the mother of one of his children.

The judge's references to the videos submitted by the government prompted a protest from McMillian on Wednesday. He said he didn't understand why they were being used against him now.

"Being arrogant is subjective and not illegal," McMillian said. "I have freedom of speech."

Clevert agreed but said McMillian chose to project a flashy, rich persona without being able to show how he legally acquired such assets as the cash, a new Bentley automobile and oversize custom diamond jewelry.

McMillian, who last week compared his video to Denzel Washington in "Training Day," again pleaded that the videos were made to get more fans and notoriety as a rapper.

"It appears you have done that," Clevert responded.

McMillian, 31, was convicted in June of federal sex trafficking charges involving four young women. The jury acquitted him of charges related to a fifth woman.

All five — four of whom were minors when they met McMillian — testified that he demanded all their earnings from dancing and "dates," supplied them with fake IDs, posted ads for their services on Craigslist and made them call him Daddy.

McMillian testified that all the women made their own choices and agreed that he should help manage their money, and that he never struck any of them or knew some of the women were younger than 18.

Clevert said last week that he believes McMillian testified falsely and therefore deserved an adjustment for that in his sentencing guidelines score.

He said that because McMillian is intelligent, articulate and entrepreneurial, he could bounce back from his conviction some day. The judge did order counseling, however, "for the purpose of holding in check your inflated ego."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Wall also won forfeiture of a custom Breitling "Super Avenger" watch seized from McMillian in July 2011. He produced receipts showing McMillian paid \$15,900 cash for the watch in 2010. Wall called the watch a "substitute asset" for the estimated \$14,250 he said McMillian made from the prostitution activities of his victims.

McMillan protested that the watch was a gift to him from a girlfriend, but Wall said it wouldn't matter even if that were true; it was McMillian's watch when it was seized.

Prosecutors also are seeking separate, civil forfeitures of McMillian's other jewelry, worth \$47,000, the Bentley Continental GT and \$94,000 in cash they say were proceeds of a theft of protein supplements from a Texas company that McMillian oversaw with the help of another young woman he had met there.

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