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# TSA supervisor busted for having sex with underage girls in the Dominican Republic: officials

Vernon Lythcott, 48, was arrested for paying two 15-year-old girls \$80 to have sex, according to a complaint filed in Brooklyn Federal Court.

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A TSA supervisor was charged Friday with having sex with underage girls in the Dominican Republic, federal authorities said.

Vernon Lythcott was arrested on the jetway at Kennedy Airport as he was about to board a flight to the Dominican Republic - his second trip to the Caribbean island since January.

Lythcott, 48, of Brooklyn, paid two 15-year-old girls to have sex with him for \$80, according to a complaint filed in Brooklyn Federal Court.

It is illegal for U.S. citizens to have sex with someone under the age of 16 or a prostitute under the age of 18 anywhere in the world.

A Homeland Security agent stationed in the Dominican Republic was tipped off about an American tourist engaging in sex with the teens and interviewed both victims, special agent Karine Stewart stated in the complaint.

"The victims also reported that during the course of that night they had used Vernon Lythcott's cellular telephone to check their Facebook accounts and had

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also 'friended' Lythcott on Facebook," Stewart stated.

"Lythcott also used an application on his phone to translate sexual instructions from English to Spanish."



Lythcott was carrying the girls but thought they had that someone had procured and they were always older than 18.

Lythcott was carrying \$2,470 in U.S. currency and \$750 in Dominican pesos when he was arrested.

Lythcott was in the process of terminating his relationship with Lythcott from his \$59,000-a-year job.

Lythcott was on \$250,000 bail and he often congregated, like toys stores, schoolyards, fast food restaurants and the children's section of a library.

Lythcott allegedly paid two 15-year-old girls to have sex with him for \$80.

Lythcott's lawyer declined to comment.

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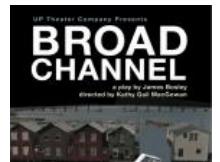
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