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A man released on bail in October is back in custody after police discovered he allegedly lured a 14-year-old female to work as a prostitute.

On Nov. 13, officers with the Victoria Police bike patrol unit approached a sex-trade worker at the corner of Government Street and Fisgard Street, who appeared to be under-age. The female gave two false names to police before breaking down and asking for help.

She alleges that she met the Victoria man over the internet. He lured her to Victoria from her family home in the B.C. Interior from where she has been missing for three weeks. Once here, he took control of her possessions, including identification and wallet. She says that when she tried to leave, he beat her and threatened her.

At the time police discovered the child, Tyrel Henwood, 22, was out on bail awaiting charges in connection with the robbery and beating with a field hockey stick of a sex-trade worker. He faces charges in that incident with 26-year-old Ryan Hall.

He is in custody with court appearance scheduled for Monday (Nov. 17). Police are recommending charges of procuring for the purpose of prostitution, living off the avails of prostitution, forcible confinement, trafficking in persons, uttering threats, luring a child, possession of child pornography and sexual assault.

Police remind parents to monitor their children's Internet activity