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PAWTUCKET — The Pawtucket police are investigating whether other underage girls were involved with a woman charged last week with prostituting a runaway 14-year-old girl.

Nicole Ferreira, 21, is accused of being a “madam” for a prostitution ring that advertised on backpage.com. She was arrested after the 14-year-old girl told detectives that Ferreira had posted erotic photos of her and sold her for sex 40 to 50 times.

The detectives say that Ferreira told them that a 17-year-old girl was also in those photos and postings for the escort service, according to an affidavit accompanying a search warrant in District Court on Friday. Ferreira also said she knew the runaway girl was 14, “but claims she only knew her age for about two weeks,” the affidavit said.

Ferreira, of 113 Ridge St., Providence, is charged with sex trafficking of a minor and pandering for prostitution, both felonies, as well as a misdemeanor charge of contributing to delinquency of a minor. She posted bail after her arraignment Nov. 13.

Maj. Arthur Martins confirmed Friday that the police had “information there may be other victims, or individuals, participating in a crime ring.” He declined to discuss the information or whether the police had begun identifying anyone else. The runaway girl was seen in erotic photos with other girls or young women, who have not been identified.

The police have filed search warrants seeking the Facebook accounts of Ferreira, who used the name Nmaries Wave and Nicole Marie, and the records of the cellphone number used in the advertisements.

According to the affidavits, Ferreira admitted that she “escorted” girls — setting up accounts, posting their pictures and making appointments for them. She told Detectives Donti Rosciti and Dave Silva that she brought the young women to meetings with customers, paid for hotel rooms, and took a portion of the money the young women made, the affidavit said.

The police say that one was a 14-year-old girl, who was reported missing on Aug. 22 after she slipped out of a bedroom window at a group home in Pawtucket.

The girl continued to stay in touch with her mother, who later told Pawtucket police that her daughter called her every two or three days, according to a police report.

But the mother told the police that her daughter wouldn’t tell her where she was. And she wouldn’t come home.

In October, the mother found her teenage daughter — in erotic photos and in advertisements for sex on backpage.com. The girl’s face was obscured, but her mother recognized her.

The mother told the police that she called the number on the ad and screamed at the woman who answered. The other woman hung up. Then, the teenage girl called her mother back. She continued to refuse to say where she was.

The mother told the police that her daughter told her: "I love you" and then hung up.

The mother immediately called Pawtucket police. The detectives tried to "ping" the girl's cellphone to find her, hitting on an area on the Providence/Cranston line, but they couldn't get a precise location.

So, the detectives set up a ruse. Pretending to be a customer, Rosciti called the number in the advertisement, and arranged a meeting at a hotel in Providence. That led them to Ferreira, who admitted knowing the girl, but denied wrongdoing and told the detectives where they might find the teen, according to Rosciti's affidavit and search warrant.

Pawtucket and Cranston police officers found the girl with other young women last month in the basement of a house at 125 Westwood Ave. in Cranston. Then, after interviewing the girl, the detectives arrested Ferreira for trafficking.