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FIRST BRONX INDICTMENT UNDER ‘SEX TRAFFICKING OF A CHILD’ LAW
Bronx Man Allegedly Brought 14-Year-Old Girl to Motel for Sex With “John;”
Authorities Rescued Teen At Motel After She Was Reported Missing

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been charged under the new state law of Sex Trafficking of a Child for allegedly promoting the prostitution of a 14-year-old girl.

District Attorney Clark said, “The defendant allegedly discussed pricing and received money for the prostitution of a 14-year-old girl who had been reported missing by her mother. This is the first Bronx case charging Sex Trafficking of a Child, a law which better reflects the realities of sexual exploitation of youngsters. This indictment makes clear that our office takes these cases very seriously.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, George Hinton, 27, of 3635 Bronxwood Avenue, was arraigned today on Sex Trafficking of a Child; first-degree, second-degree, third-degree and fourth-degree Promoting Prostitution; and Endangering the Welfare of a Child before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. Bail was continued at \$250,000 cash/\$250,000 bond and the defendant is due back in court on May 15, 2019.

According to the investigation, the girl was reported missing in late December 2018, and the Federal Human Trafficking Task Force and the NYPD’s Bronx Vice Squad began a joint operation to find her. An Undercover NYPD Officer, posing as a John, contacted a phone number associated with the defendant and during the phone conversation, the defendant allegedly told the Undercover Officer that he would have to pay \$100 for 30 minutes of sexual intercourse. They arranged to meet at the El Rancho Motel at 3701 White Plains Road. On the night of January 4, 2019, in front of the motel, the Undercover Officer was greeted by Hinton, who was with the young victim. After the Undercover paid \$100, the defendant was arrested inside the motel lobby and the girl was rescued.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jordan Jackson of the Criminal Enterprise Bureau, under the supervision of James Goward, Chief of the Criminal



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Enterprise Bureau, and the overall supervision of Tarek Rahman, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Jean T. Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Detective Bekim Vucetaj, Detective Adrian Ramos, and Sergeant Donald Gannon, all of the Bronx Vice Squad, for their work on the case. District Attorney Clark thanked her Detective Investigator Jennifer Garcia, and Assistant District Attorney Stephen Knoepfler, Supervisor in the Criminal Enterprise Bureau, as well as Assistant District Attorney Jacqueline Wood and Trial Prep Assistant Davewin Meade, also of the Criminal Enterprise Bureau, for their assistance in the case.

An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant's guilt.

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