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## FIVE MEN AND ONE WOMAN INDICTED IN CONNECTION WITH IMPRISONMENT, RAPE AND SEX TRAFFICKING OF 15-YEAR-OLD RUNAWAY

Long Island Teenager Allegedly Gang Raped, Prostituted Against Her Will In 'Stolen' Queens House

Queens County District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a 22-year-old Ozone Park man has been indicted by a Queens grand jury on kidnapping, sex trafficking and other charges for allegedly raping and prostituting a 15-year-old Long Island girl in a house that was unlawfully occupied by the defendant and others. Five other defendants have also been indicted in connection with the case.

District Attorney Brown said, "This is a horrific case in which the victim, a young girl, is alleged to have survived a nightmarish ordeal that included being drugged, gang raped and forced to work as a prostitute. She is fortunate to have escaped. If convicted, the defendants deserve to be sentenced to lengthy terms in prison both as punishment and to send a clear message that crimes such as this will not be tolerated in Queens County."

The District Attorney identified the lead defendant as Gary Council, 22, of 105-31 91<sup>st</sup> Street in Ozone Park, Queens. He has been indicted on charges of first-degree kidnapping, first-degree rape, first- and third-degree criminal sexual act, second-degree kidnapping, compelling prostitution, sex trafficking, second-degree burglary, second- and third-degree promoting prostitution, third-degree attempted grand larceny, third-degree rape, and endangering the welfare of a child. If convicted, he faces 25 years to life in prison. Council and the other five defendants are to be arraigned today before Queens Supreme Court Justice Ferdinand M. Camacho.

The District Attorney identified the other indicted defendants as: Andrea Furlonge, 21, of 83-14 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Ozone Park, who is charged with compelling prostitution, sex trafficking, second- and third-degree burglary, second-degree promoting prostitution and endangering the welfare of a child; Junior C. Goldring, 23, of 175 East 52<sup>nd</sup> Street in Brooklyn, who is charged with first- and third-degree rape, first- and third-degree criminal sexual act and endangering the welfare of a child; Omari A. Millington, 21, of 265 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in Brooklyn, who is charged with firstand third-degree rape, first- and third-degree criminal sexual act and endangering the welfare of a child; Renardo Williams, 22, of 23 East 43<sup>rd</sup> Street in Brooklyn, who is charged with firstand third-degree rape, first- and third-degree criminal sexual act and endangering the welfare of a child; Renardo Williams, 22, of 23 East 43<sup>rd</sup> Street in Brooklyn, who is charged with firstand third-degree rape, first- and third-degree criminal sexual act, fourth-degree criminal mischief and endangering the welfare of a child; and Roy McMillan, 24, of 720 Linden Boulevard, in Brooklyn, who is charged with second- and third-degree burglary, third-degree attempted grand larceny, second-degree criminally using drug paraphernalia and endangering the welfare of a child. If convicted, McMillan faces up to 15 years in prison and the other defendants face up to 25 years in prison.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the allegations, on February 6, 2012, the 15year-old victim was with a friend on Jerome Street in Brooklyn when they were allegedly picked up in a vehicle by defendant Junior Goldring and another man, who has not been apprehended, and taken to a house on 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Ozone Park, where she met defendants Gary Council and Roy McMillan. When the victim, whose identity is not being released, tried to leave the house with her friend Council allegedly grabbed her by the arm and said, "You're not going anywhere. You are going to stay here and make my money. Council then allegedly pulled her back inside the house and introduced her to defendant Andrea Furlonge and told Furlonge that the victim was a "new girl" who "was going to make a lot of money" for him and instructed Furlonge to take the victim and "do what she had to do."

The District Attorney said that, according to the investigation, Furlonge allegedly took nude and partially clothed pictures of the victim with a cell phone and posted them on backpage.com to advertise prostitution services. Furlonge allegedly also posted pictures of herself on backpage.com with the same call back number as the victim. It is alleged that between February 6, 2012, and February 11, 2012, the victim was forced to have sexual intercourse and oral sex with numerous men inside of the location in exchange for money and that all of the money was collected by Furlonge and given to Council. It is alleged that Furlonge told the victim to obey Council or he would get violent and told her not to cry or he would get angry. The victim allegedly once told Furlonge that she wanted to leave but was told she could not leave. It is alleged that when the victim tried to take a shower, Council grabbed her hair and told her to get back downstairs and make his money.

Furthermore, it is alleged that, on February 8, 2012, defendants Millington and Council together forced the victim to take two Ecstasy pills. The victim was then allegedly tied up and raped and sodomized by Council, Goldring, Millington and Williams while McMillan and another unapprehended man were present in the room.

The District Attorney said that, according to the allegations, on one occasion the victim attempted to leave the location but was grabbed and pulled back inside by Council who told her that if she tried to leave she would have big problems. On February 12, 2012, it is alleged, Council told the victim to go across the street and get him something from the store but when the victim left she instead ran away and did not return.

Finally, it is alleged that the actual owner of the house, a 63-year-old man named Tsung Chen, arrived at the location on January 21, 2012, and found that the locks had been broken off and a new lock had been installed. Mr. Chen put a new lock on the house and returned on February 5, 2012, only to find that the new lock had been broken. A woman whom the homeowner later identified as Andrea Furlonge was living on the first floor of the house and two men who the homeowner later identified as Roy McMillan and Gary Council were living on the second floor. It is alleged that none of the occupants had permission to be there and that Mr. Chen then called the police. It is alleged that the occupants then showed Mr. Chen and the police lease agreements allegedly between Council, Furlonge and McMillan and the leaseholder, who was identified in the papers as "Raymond Kelly."

On February 10, 2012, Mr. Chen returned to the location and asked Council, McMillan and others to leave. He allegedly was told by Council and McMillan that they would only leave if he paid them \$6,000 each, and Council allegedly added that if Chen did not pay them, he would have big problems.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Paul Carlin with the assistance of Detective Rose Muckenthaler, of the New York City Police Department's Vice Enforcement Division, under the supervision of Lieutenant Michael Costello and Sergeant Michael Daly, and the overall supervision of Deputy Inspector Anthony Favale.

Assistant District Attorney Jessica L. Melton, of the District Attorney's Special Proceedings Bureau, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Anthony M. Communiello, Bureau Chief, and Assistant District Attorney Oscar W. Ruiz, Deputy Bureau Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Peter A. Crusco and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Linda M. Cantoni.

It should be noted that an indictment is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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