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QUEENS MAN SENTENCED FOR SEX TRAFFICKING TEENAGE GIRL

One of Four Defendants Indicted for Sex Trafficking of a Child, Promoting Prostitution

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Darius "Gotti" Fleming was sentenced today to 10 years in prison for sex trafficking of a child after forcing a 14-year-old girl to have sex with strangers for cash at a hotel in Jamaica, Queens. The victim was rescued from a home in Brooklyn, where she was forced to reside with her traffickers, when police searched the location as part of another investigation.

District Attorney Katz said: "I'm committed to getting sex traffickers out of our Borough. Young women are exploited by predators and that is the reason I have put resources, investigators and a Human Trafficking Bureau behind combatting these crimes. Thanks to the work of my team, the first of four defendants who trafficked this 14-year-old girl will now be sentenced to 10 years. I will not relent in seeking justice for the victims of human trafficking."

Having pleaded guilty in November to sex trafficking of a child, Fleming, 30, of 105th Avenue in Jamaica, was sentenced today by Queens Supreme Court Justice Gia Morris to 10 years in prison to be followed by 5 years post-release supervision. Fleming will also be required to register as sex offender upon his release.

According to the charges, Fleming and co-defendant Amor Toussaint met the victim in January at the Van Wyck Hotel in Jamaica and refused to let her leave until she agreed to participate in sexual acts in exchange for money and hand over 30 percent of the proceeds. The victim was forced into taking nude photographs which the defendants then posted as online prostitution advertisements. After engaging in sexual acts with strangers and providing a portion of the proceeds to the defendants, Fleming and Toussaint accused the victim of stealing from them and forced the victim to continue working to pay back the money she was accused of stealing.

Toussaint later "sold" the victim to co-defendant Troy "Drippy Big D" Siddons for \$300 cash.

The victim was rescued on January 23, 2022, when police entered a home in Brooklyn as part of a separate investigation. The victim resided in the house against her will with Siddons and a fourth co-defendant, Dwayne "Wayne" Pickett.

All four defendants were indicted on 15-counts of sex trafficking of a child, promoting prostitution in the first degree, and other crimes in September. Toussaint and Pickett are currently in custody; Siddons remains at large.

Assistant District Attorney Kiran Cheema, of the District Attorney's Human Trafficking Bureau, prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Jessica Melton, Bureau Chief, Tara DiGregorio, Assistant Deputy Bureau Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Gerard A. Brave.

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