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**NYPD DETECTIVE AND COMPANION SENTENCED IN CONNECTION WITH
PROSTITUTION OF 13-YEAR-OLD RUNAWAY**

Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown announced today that a New York City police detective and a woman who claims to be his wife have each been sentenced to three-and-one-half years in prison in connection with the prostitution of a 13-year-old Brooklyn runaway earlier this year. The pair pleaded guilty to attempted kidnaping last month.

District Attorney Brown said, “These sentences offer a measure of justice to the young victim in this case, a troubled 13-year-old who ran away from home and unfortunately came into contact with the defendants. Instead of acting as a police officer – as Taylor was at the time – he admittedly took advantage of the child and, along with his co-defendant, forced her into prostitution. These sentences will keep the victim from having to testify in public about her hellish ordeal and will punish the defendants for their actions.”

The District Attorney identified the defendants as Wayne Taylor, 36, of Queens, and Zelika Brown, 29, of 173-37 Vaswani Avenue in Queens. Brown and Taylor, who had been a member of the NYPD for approximately fourteen years, pleaded guilty to second-degree attempted kidnaping before Acting Queens Supreme Court Justice Pauline Mullings last month. Each of the defendants was sentenced by her today to three-and-one half years in prison and five years post release supervision. They are also required to register as sex offenders. Additionally, defendant Taylor resigned from the police department last month immediately before pleading guilty.

District Attorney Brown said that, according to the charges, the 13-year-old victim ran away from home earlier this year and met an individual who offered to get her into the business of dancing for money at parties. Thereafter, the girl was introduced to Brown and Taylor.

The District Attorney said that it was further charged that Taylor instructed the victim to tell people she was 19-years-old and if asked about her prices, to say that oral sex would cost \$40 and that the fee for sexual intercourse was \$80. The two defendants allegedly also brought the victim to several parties throughout the City between January 10th and January 27th and made her perform sexual acts with approximately 20 men who had paid the defendants money to have sex with her.

The investigation was conducted by Sergeant Robert Minca and Detective Paul Carlin, of the NYPD’s Major Case Vice Squad, with the assistance of Special Victims Squad Detective David Velez, under the supervision of Deputy Chief Brian J. Conroy, Commanding Officer of the Vice Enforcement Division, and under the overall supervision of Chief Anthony J. Izzo, of the Organized Crime Control Bureau, and by Sergeant Kevin Prentice, of the NYPD’s Internal Affairs Bureau, Group 41, under the supervision of Deputy Inspector Thomas Scollan, and the overall supervision of IAB Chief Charles V. Campisi.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Yvonne Francis, of the District Attorney’s Integrity Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Jessica L. Melton, of the District Attorney’s Special Proceedings Bureau prosecuted the case, with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney Charles Balvin, under the supervision of Integrity Bureau Chief James M. Liander and Special Proceeding Bureau Chief Anthony M. Communiello, and the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney of the Investigations Division Peter A. Crusco and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Investigations Linda M. Cantoni.

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