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NEWS ADVISORY

NYPD Detective WAYNE TAYLOR, 35, of Queens, and ZELIKA BROWN, 29, of 173-37 Vaswani Avenue* in Queens, were arraigned last night, January 30th, before Queens Criminal Court Judge Gene Lopez on charges of second-degree kidnapping, and second- and third-degree promoting prostitution for allegedly promoting the prostitution of a 13-year-old Brooklyn runaway who allegedly had been sold into prostitution. Brown was also charged with third-degree assault, seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, fourth-degree criminal possession of marihuana and endangering the welfare of a child. They each pleaded not guilty. Judge Lopez set bail for each defendant at \$250,000 (with a bail sufficiency hearing) and ordered them to return to court on February 14, 2008.

A third defendant in the case, KRYSTAL TUDY, 18, of 102-47 187th Street in Jamaica, was also arraigned last night before Judge Lopez on charges of second-degree promoting prostitution, third-degree assault and endangering the welfare of a child. Tudy pleaded not guilty. Judge Lopez set bail at \$50,000 (with a bail sufficiency hearing) and ordered her to return to court on February 13, 2008.

According to the criminal complaint filed in the case, Tudy is alleged to have worked as a prostitute and been instructed by the defendant Brown to “watch” out for the 13-year-old female victim and to make sure that she performed her prostitution duties properly. It is further alleged that she slapped the victim in the face on one occasion at the direction of Brown because the victim was talking too much to her “customers,” and, on another occasion, punched the victim in the face for not behaving properly, causing her to sustain a black eye. Finally, according to the complaint, Tudy allegedly made statements to police at the time of her arrest that she engaged in sexual activities with men in exchange for money, which she gave to Brown, and that Taylor would drive her and Brown to prostitution jobs and that he would provide security for the women while they worked as prostitutes.

Det. Taylor was represented at arraignment by Peter Brill (212-233-3800)

Brown was represented at arraignment by Randall Unger (718-279-4500).

Tudy was represented at arraignment by Georgia Rattray-Gray (718-286-2160)

* Vaswani Avenue is a new thoroughfare in Queens and is located in the vicinity of Baisley Avenue and Merrill Street.