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MAN SENTENCED FOR SEX TRAFFICKING TEENAGE GIRL

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Quan Raheem Booker was sentenced today to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to sex trafficking a 16-year-old girl for several days inside a Flushing hotel.

District Attorney Katz said: “Undercover operations like this one are key in finding and helping girls that are trafficked. We will continue to use all resources necessary to make sure victims have the services they need to excel, but also to hold accountable those who force them into sex trafficking. This defendant will serve 10 years.”

Booker, 30, of Seventh Avenue in Manhattan, pleaded guilty in November to sex trafficking of a child before Queens Supreme Court Justice Peter Vallone, Jr., who today sentenced Booker to 10 years in prison to be followed by 5 years post-release supervision. Upon his release, Booker will be required to register as a sex offender.

According to the charges, on January 2, 2021, Booker checked into the One Hotel, at 137-72 Northern Blvd., and rented two rooms from January 2 to January 6. At the hotel, Booker’s phone was used to contact dozens of johns, who were offered prostitution services with the victim and charged by length of time. The victim had sex for cash with several men, with the proceeds turned over to Booker. The teen victim was rescued as a result of an undercover operation during which she was offered for sex in exchange of \$240. Booker was arrested in one of the hotel rooms with nearly \$3,000.

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

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