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**LEADER AND CONSPIRATOR PLEAD GUILTY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
PROSTITUTION RING**

Leader Kept a List of Over 100 Prostitutes Employed During the Two Year Conspiracy

Greenbelt, Maryland - Aida Pereira, a/k/a "Paty," age 35, of Silver Spring, Maryland, pleaded guilty today to conspiracy to transport at least 100 women from New York and New Jersey to Maryland to employ them as prostitutes, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. Co-defendant Iris Y. Martinez-Solarzano, age 35, of Hyattsville, Maryland, pleaded guilty to the same charge yesterday.

According to their plea agreements, each week from September 2003 to November 2005, Pereira, Martinez-Solarzano and their conspirators transported women from New York and New Jersey to Maryland to employ them as prostitutes.

Pereira admits that she was the primary contact person who communicated with these women by cell phone at least a week prior to their travel to Maryland, and scheduled them to work in brothels that they operated in Prince George's County, Maryland. Pereira maintained a list of more than 100 prostitutes whom she contacted regularly to work in Maryland. The conspirators picked the women up early on Monday mornings at pre-arranged locations in New York and New Jersey and dropped them off in Maryland where they worked as prostitutes for a week at a time. Pereira coordinated the rental of apartments in Maryland for use as places of prostitution. A doorman collected money from customers and provided security for the prostitutes. The conspirators provided the prostitutes with food and supplies for a set weekly fee. Pereira typically collected the money from the places of prostitution and then distributed the proceeds among her co-conspirators. The conspirators would return the prostitutes to New York and New Jersey on Sunday evenings, and then return to Maryland the next day with a new group of prostitutes.

According to her plea agreement, Martinez-Solarzano assisted her conspirators in scheduling the prostitutes, collecting money from the brothels, renting new apartments and with transporting the prostitutes to and from Maryland. At least one of the passenger vans used to transport the prostitutes was registered in her name.

Throughout the course of the conspiracy, the conspirators operated at least five different brothels in Maryland, including apartments in Langley Park, Maryland.

Pereira and Martinez-Solarzano each face a maximum penalty of five years in prison. U.S. District Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. has scheduled Martinez-Solarzano's sentencing for April 30, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. and Pereira's sentencing for May 30, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. Co-conspirator Jose Hugo Chacon Roque, age 45, of Hyattsville, pleaded guilty to the same charge and is scheduled to be sentenced on May 7, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised the investigative work performed by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Rosenstein thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Chan Park and Gina Simms, who are prosecuting the case.