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PRESS RELEASE

**TRIO IS CONVICTED OF CONSPIRING TO
TRANSPORT A MINOR TO ENGAGE IN PROSTITUTION**

Boston, MA...Three Massachusetts residents pled guilty this month in connection with their involvement in arranging for a minor to work as a prostitute in several New England states.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan; Alice S. Fisher, Assistant Attorney General of the Department of Justice's Criminal Division; Kenneth W. Kaiser, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New England; and Thomas F. Reilly, Massachusetts Attorney General, announced today that **ROBERT WILLIAMS**, age 48, **DAWN YOUNG**, a/k/a "Dawn Rossi," age 40, and **BROOKE DENMAN**, age 29, pled guilty to crimes including Conspiring to Transport an Individual in Interstate Commerce to Engage in Prostitution, Transporting a Minor in Interstate Commerce to Engage in Prostitution and Sex Trafficking of Children.

On February 27, 2006, **WILLIAMS** pled guilty to two counts of conspiracy, one count of Sex Trafficking of Children, two counts of Inducing an Individual to Travel in Interstate Commerce to Engage in Prostitution, four counts of Transporting a Minor in Interstate Commerce to Engage in Prostitution and three counts of Transporting an Individual in Interstate Commerce to Engage in Prostitution.

On February 9, 2006, **YOUNG** pled guilty to two counts of conspiracy, one count of Sex Trafficking of Children, one count of Transporting a Minor in Interstate Commerce to Engage in Prostitution and one count of Transporting an Individual in Interstate Commerce to Engage in Prostitution. Also on February 9, **DENMAN** pled guilty to one count of conspiracy and one count of Sex Trafficking of Children.

The defendants admitted to participating in a conspiracy between October 2000 and September 2002, in which they used a minor for prostitution activities, involving the states of Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Hampshire. Defendants **WILLIAMS and YOUNG** took some, or all of the minor's earnings from prostitution and

helped her to obtain false identification documents. The conspiracy also involved causing the minor, who was aged thirteen through fifteen during the alleged crimes, to receive prostitution calls through **YOUNG**, who operated an escort service.

This case is part of the Innocence Lost Initiative, a cooperative effort between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice to prevent and prosecute child prostitution.

Upon conviction, the two Conspiracy charges each carry a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison; the Sex Trafficking of Children charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison; each of the Inducing an individual to Travel to Engage in Prostitution charges carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison; each of the Transporting a Minor to Engage in Prostitution charges carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison; and each of the Transporting an Individual to Engage in Prostitution charges carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with assistance from the Massachusetts State Police. The case is being prosecuted by Trial Attorney Wendy Waldron in the Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section and Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Balthazard in Sullivan's Economic Crimes Unit with assistance from Assistant Attorney General Dana Dee Leccese in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.

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