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New Jersey man indicted for taking Minnesota girl to Chicago, Denver for prostitution

Recently in Minneapolis, a federal indictment was filed, charging a 32-year-old New Jersey man with enticing a 16-year-old Minnesota girl to engage in prostitution. Floyd Henry, of Newark, New Jersey, was charged with two counts of inducing travel to engage in criminal sexual activity. Henry remains in custody in Colorado on state charges.

The indictment alleges that between August of 2009 and April of 2010, Henry persuaded a minor female to travel to Chicago and Denver to engage in prostitution. It also alleges that between August and October of 2009, Henry persuaded an adult woman to travel in interstate commerce to engage in prostitution.

If convicted, Henry faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison for each charge. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly M. Hare.

The U.S. Department of Justice reports that an estimated 14,500 to 17,500 are trafficked within the U.S. each year for involuntary servitude or use in the sex trade. According to the Justice Department, the Twin Cities metropolitan area is one of the 15 largest human trafficking centers in the nation.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.

