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**NYPD OFFICER/MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUCTOR CHARGED IN FEDERAL
COURT FOR TRANSPORTING MINORS FROM NEW YORK TO NEW
JERSEY FOR PURPOSES OF ILLEGAL SEX**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and MARK J. MERSHON, the Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI New York Field Office, announced that TRENT YOUNG, 39, a New York City police officer, has been arrested in connection with his transportation of two minors from New York to New Jersey for purposes of illegal sexual activity.

According to a Complaint filed today in White Plains federal court, TRENT YOUNG transported two minors on separate occasions from Middletown, New York to his martial arts studio in West Milford, New Jersey, and engaged in sexual intercourse with the minors there. According to the Complaint, these victims, who are now 15 years old and 17 years old respectively and were 14 and 15 respectively when the abuse began, were both martial arts students of YOUNG's.

As set forth in the Complaint:

In 2005 when Victim 1 received a "green belt," YOUNG required Victim 1 to sign a document stating that Victim 1 would be obedient. That day, YOUNG stated that he was going to test Victim 1's obedience and told Victim 1 to take off Victim 1's clothes. While undressed, YOUNG touched Victim 1's breasts. From in or about August 2006 through in or about October 2007, as set forth in the Complaint, YOUNG engaged in other sexual activities with Victim 1, including sexual intercourse. The

sexual intercourse occurred in Middletown, New York and in West Milford, New Jersey at YOUNG's martial arts studio called "Iron Tiger."

In the Spring of 2007, YOUNG requested that another martial arts student ("Victim 2") remove her clothes. Victim 2 refused.

As reflected in the Complaint, after YOUNG's arrest on December 27, 2007, by the Middletown Police Department, a third victim ("Victim 3") reported sexual abuse by YOUNG in 2005 and 2006. Victim 3 began taking martial arts lessons from YOUNG in Middletown, New York in or about March 2005. Several months later, YOUNG began to engage in sexual activities with Victim 3, including sexual intercourse. As set forth in the Complaint, on an occasion in the Summer of 2006, YOUNG drove Victim 3 from Middletown, New York to YOUNG's martial arts studio in West Milford, New Jersey and engaged in sexual intercourse with Victim 3.

YOUNG was presented in White Plains federal court before U.S. Magistrate Judge GEORGE A. YANTHIS this afternoon. He was detained without bail.

Mr. GARCIA said that the investigation is ongoing. Mr. GARCIA requested that any individuals with relevant information contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Goshen, New York at (845) 615-1700.

Mr. GARCIA praised the efforts and assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Middletown Police Department, the Orange County District Attorney's Office, the Rockland County Sheriff's Department, the West Milford, New Jersey Police Department, and the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office.

The federal charges brought today each carry a mandatory minimum sentence, upon conviction, of 10 years in prison and a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Assistant United States Attorney MARCIA S. COHEN is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Complaint against the defendant are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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