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**EMPERORS CLUB MANAGER SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS FOR
FEDERAL PROSTITUTION AND MONEY LAUNDERING OFFENSES**

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that CECIL SUWAL, 24, of the Bronx, New York, was sentenced today by United States District Judge BARBARA S. JONES to 6 months in prison for conspiring to promote prostitution and to launder the proceeds of prostitution crimes, in connection with her participation in the international prostitution business known as Emperors Club VIP. The Court also ordered the forfeiture of the proceeds of SUWAL's illegal activity. According to the felony Information to which SUWAL pled and other documents filed and statements made in this matter:

From December 2004 until March 2008, SUWAL participated in a conspiracy to promote, manage, and carry on an illegal prostitution business and to transport and to induce women to travel in interstate commerce with the intent that the women engage in unlawful prostitution. Specifically, among other things, SUWAL controlled a website used to promote the business, received applications from potential prostitutes, and communicated with co-conspirators who arranged prostitution appointments for customers.

SUWAL also conspired to commit money laundering by conducting financial transactions to carry on the illegal prostitution activity and conceal its proceeds. Among other things, SUWAL opened bank accounts in the names of "QAT Consulting, Inc.," and "QAT International, Inc.," which were used to receive payments from customers. SUWAL wrote checks from those accounts to prostitutes employed by the Emperors Club, to cash, and to an account controlled by a co-conspirator. At the time of SUWAL's arrest in March 2008, agents seized \$981,483.24 in cash that was found in the apartment SUWAL shared with a co-conspirator. An additional \$179,729.99 was seized from the Emperors Club's bank accounts.

Mr. DASSIN praised the investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Criminal Investigative Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

Assistant United States Attorneys BOYD M. JOHNSON III and DANIEL L. STEIN are in charge of the prosecution.

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