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NYPD OFFICER/MARTIAL ARTS INSTRUCTOR PLEADS GUILTY
TO TRANSPORTING MINORS ACROSS STATE LINES FOR ILLEGAL SEX

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that TRENT YOUNG, 41, a New York City police officer, pled guilty yesterday afternoon before United States District Judge KENNETH M. KARAS in federal court in White Plains, New York, to transporting three different minors across state lines for purposes of engaging in illegal sexual activity.

According to the Indictment to which YOUNG pled guilty and statements made in filings and Court proceedings:

Around April 2003, YOUNG drove a 14-year-old minor from her home in Brooklyn, New York, to his home in Middletown, traveling through New Jersey, and engaged in sexual intercourse with her. In spring 2006, YOUNG, who operated a martial arts studio in his home in Middletown, New York, opened "Iron Tiger Martial Arts," a martial arts studio in West Milford, New Jersey. Around October or November 2006, Young brought a 14-year-old minor from Middletown to Iron Tiger and engaged in sexual intercourse with her. Around November or December 2006, Young brought a second minor, who was then 16 years old, to Iron Tiger and engaged in sexual intercourse with her as well.

In his plea of guilty to Counts One, Five and Six of the Indictment (covering each victim), YOUNG admitted that he transported each of the three minors across state lines for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity and that, after transporting the minors across state lines, he engaged in sexual intercourse with them. He also admitted that he exercised supervisory control over each of the three minors.

YOUNG faces a maximum term of 30 years' imprisonment and a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of five years on Count Six

of the Indictment, and a maximum sentence of life imprisonment and a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 10 years on each of the other two counts, which took place after Congress imposed more stringent penalties for this offense. Sentencing is scheduled for January 15, 2010, before Judge KARAS. YOUNG has been detained without bail since his arrest in January 2008.

Mr. DASSIN praised the efforts and assistance of the FBI, 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.

Assistant United States Attorneys MARCIA S. COHEN and JASON P.W. HALPERIN are in charge of the prosecution.

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