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## **BRIGHTON MAN INDICTED FOR SEX TRAFFICKING OF MINORS**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that a federal grand jury in Rochester has returned a five-count indictment charging Thomas Cramer, 42, of Brighton, New York, with sex trafficking of minors, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1591. The charges carry a maximum penalty of life in prison, a fine of \$250,000 both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Rogowski stated that the Indictment charges that between April and December 2011, the defendant enticed, promoted and profited from the commercial sex activities of five females knowing, or in reckless disregard of the fact, that the females had not attained the age of 18. Cramer has remained in federal custody since his arrest on Criminal Complaint on February 22, 2012.

U.S. Attorney Hochul stated that federal law enforcement is aggressively fighting all forms of human trafficking, with includes sex trafficking of minors. In order to effectively combat this serious problem, Hochul stated that the U.S. Attorney's Office oversees a Human Trafficking Task Force which includes federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutive agencies, along with several non-governmental organizations.

Special Agents of the United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of James Spiro, and the New York State Police, under the direction of Mark Koss.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.