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BATAVIA MAN ARRESTED, CHARGED WITH TRANSPORTING A MINOR TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL ACTIVITY

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Timothy Michael Logsdon, 29, of Batavia, N.Y., was arrested and charged by Criminal Complaint with knowingly transporting a minor in interstate commerce with the intent to engage in sexual activity and traveling in interstate commerce for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct. The charges carry a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Maura K. O'Donnell, who is handling the case, stated that according to the Complaint, on September 29, 2012, the parents of a 16 year old female reported her missing to the Genesee County Sheriff's Department. During an interview with Special Agents from the FBI, the victim's parents indicated that she might be with the defendant.

Pursuant to a Court Order, law enforcement officers traced the defendant's cellular telephone to a specific vicinity. Later that same day, the defendant was discovered by the Kentucky State Police in Bowling Green, Kentucky, along with the minor victim. The defendant was placed under arrest and remains in custody.

"Thanks to the awareness of the victim's parents and the hard work by the FBI and Genesee County Sheriff's Office, this case was investigated and closed in extremely rapid fashion," said U.S. Attorney Hochul. "This is yet another example of how the public coming forward to police with important information can stop criminal conduct before it gets too far."

The arrest is the culmination of an investigation by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Christopher M. Piehota and the Genesee County Sheriff's Department, under the direction of Sheriff Gary Maha.

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.

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