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Duo Indicted on Human Trafficking Charges Involving Multiple Victims

CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OH - Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced that a Cuyahoga County grand jury has returned an indictment charging Nicholas Hutchins, 38, and Nadine Siggres, 39, for trafficking multiple female adult victims in Warrensville Heights motels.

"Our office is proud to be in partnership with the Cuyahoga Regional Human Trafficking Task Force," said Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley. "Through the dedicated work of this task force and our law enforcement partners, we are able to make our community a safer place."

An investigation conducted by the Cuyahoga Regional Human Trafficking Task Force (CRHTTF) revealed that Nicholas Hutchins used multiple identifications to rent out motel rooms to traffic female adult victims. During subsequent search warrants of Hutchins's vehicle and residence, agents recovered suspected drugs and paraphernalia, as well as hundreds of rounds of ammunition and multiple guns.

On July 7, 2022, CRHTTF agents arrested Hutchins in the parking lot of a Warrensville Heights motel on Northfield Road where they recovered over 100 grams of crack cocaine hidden in Hutchins's pants upon his arrest. Further investigation identified Siggres's assistance in running the trafficking ring including supervising the female adult victims when Hutchins was not present. She was also arrested on July 7, 2022.

The indictment stems from investigative leads that the CRHTTF followed up on related to "Operation Fouled Out" – an operation coordinated through the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission in February that coincided with the NBA's All-Star Weekend in Cleveland which resulted in eight arrests.

"The Sheriff's Department is proud to be a part of this task force and offer our assistance to help remove these offenders from our streets," said Cuyahoga County Interim Sheriff Steven Hammett. "We remain dedicated to holding them accountable and bringing justice for all victims of sexual violence in our community."

Nicholas Hutchins has been indicted on the following charges:

- Four counts of Trafficking in Persons
- Three counts of Compelling Prostitution
- One count of Promoting Prostitution
- Two counts of Trafficking
- Two counts of Drug Possession
- One count of Having Weapons Under Disability
- One count of Possessing Criminal Tools



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Nadine Siggres has been indicted on the following charges:

- Four counts of Trafficking in Persons
- Three counts of Compelling Prostitution
- One count of Promoting Prostitution
- One count of Possessing Criminal Tools

Hutchins and Siggres are currently being held at the Cuyahoga County Jail and will be arraigned at the Cuyahoga County Justice Center at a later date.

You can view the indictment here.

"Our task forces are dismantling the demand for human trafficking at every level," Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost said. "Sting operations deter the johns who buy sex and also, as in this case, produce valuable intel for investigators to go after the traffickers supplying the victims. I look forward to more great work by this task force!"

The CRHTTF is a task force under Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost's Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission. The task force is comprised of several agencies including Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department, the United States Department of Homeland Security Investigations, the Cuyahoga County Prosecutors Office, the Ohio Investigative Unit, the Cleveland Police Department, the MetroHealth Police Department, and the Independence Police Department.

If you or someone you know have been a victim or have any information related to this case or any other trafficking organizations, please contact the Sheriff's Department at 216.443.6085 and ask to speak with a human trafficking investigator or submit a tip through <u>Crime Stoppers of Cuyahoga County</u>.