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## **STONE MOUNTAIN MAN ARRAIGNED ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING CHARGES**

Atlanta, GA - JIMMIE LEE JONES, a.k.a. "Mike Spade," 31, of Stone Mountain, Georgia, was arraigned today before a United States Magistrate Judge on the following federal charges: sex trafficking by force, fraud, and coercion; sex trafficking of minors; peonage; trafficking in peonage; and extortionate collection of credit. The charges are contained in a 21-count superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury on June 13, 2006. JONES was arrested on December 30, 2005, on the original indictment in this case, which charged him with three counts of extortionate collection of credit and one count of inducing three women to travel from Georgia to Florida for purposes of engaging in prostitution. Further investigation of JONES's activities resulted in the superseding indictment returned last Tuesday. JONES remains in federal custody without bond, based upon an order of detention entered by the court on January 4, 2006.

"Sex trafficking is nothing less than modern-day slavery," said Wan J. Kim, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division in Washington D.C. "The Justice Department will continue to aggressively investigate and prosecute those who commit these horrifying acts."

"This defendant allegedly targeted young women who attended colleges and universities in our community for sexual abuse and peonage," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. "Today's charges should serve as notice to others who would victimize young women by forcing them into prostitution they may face federal prosecution and a long prison sentence."

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and Assistant Attorney General Wan J. Kim and the charges and other information presented in court: JONES lured numerous young women into signing so-called contracts, under which they agreed to pay him thousands of dollars in exchange for his representation as their modeling agent. After the women signed the contracts, JONES allegedly forced them into prostitution by beating them, fining them, threatening to ruin their credit, and threatening to publish sexually explicit photographs of them.

The superseding indictment charges 21 counts of forcing young women and juvenile girls into prostitution and collecting on the so-called contracts by using violence, threats of violence, and other unlawful means. The charges carry a maximum sentence of life in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 on each of the counts. The superseding indictment also includes a forfeiture provision calling for JONES to forfeit to the United States ill-gotten gains of the crimes including his ownership interest in real property located at 5989 Southland Drive, Stone Mountain, Georgia, and a Chrysler 300 vehicle.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Atlanta Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorney Jane Wilcox Swift and Civil Rights Division Trial Attorney Amy Pope are prosecuting the case.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment contains only allegations. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

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