

**COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
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Gayot guilty of 34 of 50 crimes charged in indictments

A Lindenhurst man faces a maximum of 50 years in state prison when he is sentenced in July after being found guilty today of sex trafficking, compelling prostitution, promoting prostitution, criminal sexual act in the first degree, and other crimes, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said

Andrew Gayot, 38, was arrested in 2014 when Suffolk County Police, Probation Officers and the Federal Bureau of Investigation executed a search warrant at the defendant's home at 258 North Greene Ave. in Lindenhurst. Inside, police discovered a 15-year-old female, who had run away from home, and a 21-year-old female – both of whom were being held against their will by the defendant, District Attorney Spota said. The charges against Gayot also included alleged crimes he committed against a 26 year old female in May and June of 2013.

"The defendant used intimidation, physical abuse and psychological cruelty to coerce the women into prostitution," DA Spota said. "The teenager was forbidden to leave the house unescorted, or to use her phone, without Gayot's permission."

The women were driven by Gayot to motels and other locations where they were forced to engage in sex for money.

Judge Kahn scheduled sentencing for Gayot for July 27.

Andrew Gayot was convicted of:

Top two cts – Crim Sex Act 1st – B violent felonies

B felonies – 4 cts sex trafficking
1 ct Compelling Prostitution
1 ct Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance 3rd

C felonies – 1 ct Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance 4th
3 cts Promoting Prostitution 2nd

D violent felonies

2 cts Strangulation 2nd
1 ct Assault 2nd

D felonies

2 cts Promoting Prostitution 3rd
2 cts Criminal Possession of Weapon 3rd

E felonies

2 cts Rape 3rd
2 cts Criminal Sex Act 3rd

A Misdemeanors

2 cts Endangering the Welfare
2 cts Criminal Obstruction of Breath
3 cts Petit Larceny
2 cts Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance 7th
1 ct Assault 3rd
1 ct Criminal Using Drug Paraphernalia



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