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**Trial starts Wednesday for Lindenhurst man charged with forcing two women
into prostitution**

The trial of a 37 year old Lindenhurst man charged with forcing two females, one a teenager, to work as prostitutes, will begin tomorrow (5/18) in criminal court in Riverhead, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

The top charges against Andrew Gayot of 258 North Greene Ave. include kidnapping in the second degree, criminal sexual act in the first degree and assault in the first degree; all class "B" felony crimes which carry a cumulative prison sentence of a maximum of fifty years in prison upon conviction, said DA Spota.

"A police investigation established Gayot intimidated these victims using physical abuse, narcotics and psychological cruelty to enslave them," District Attorney Spota said.

Gayot is also charged with sex trafficking, compelling prostitution, promoting prostitution, rape, unlawful imprisonment, and multiple drug charges.

Judge Barbara Kahn (second floor of the courthouse) scheduled opening statements for 10:30 am on Wednesday.



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