

# Rochester woman pleads guilty to sex trafficking



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U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul Jr. announced Thursday that Kasandra Weeks of Rochester pleaded guilty to sex trafficking before U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer.

Weeks and co-defendant Steven Jones approached an adult woman in Rochester in 2013 and offered her drugs before driving her to Lancaster, Erie County, and coercing her into engaging in prostitution, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Melissa Marangola.

Weeks and Jones were [arrested with five others in February](#) on a variety of sex trafficking charges. Weeks is the first to be convicted.

The defendants allegedly posted daily advertisements on Backpage.com and other sites, then had individuals engage in prostitution locally, statewide and in New Jersey.

The plea is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Child Exploitation Task Force, which includes the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, the Rochester Police Department, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations.

Sentencing will be scheduled at a later date.

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