



## Office of the Kane County State's Attorney

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### **FIVE CHARGED IN CHICAGO-AREA HUMAN TRAFFICKING RING JUDGE SETS BAIL FOR EACH AT \$5 MILLION**

July 20, 2023

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser and St. Charles Chief of Police James Keegan announce that five individuals have been charged with multiple offenses related to human trafficking and sexual trafficking. Those charges and the offenses:

***Hector Briseno***: Age 54 (d.o.b. 3-31-1969), of the 4700 block of South Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois. Case No. 2023CF1546.

- Aggravated involuntary servitude, Class X felony
- Trafficking in persons for labor, Class 1 felony
- Involuntary servitude, Class 1 felony (3 counts)
- Involuntary servitude, Class 4 felony (7 counts)
- Promoting prostitution for profit, Class 4 felony (4 counts)

***Christian Hurtado***: Age 27 (d.o.b. 9-9-1995), of the 500 block of Holly Street, Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 2023CF1545.

- Aggravated involuntary servitude, Class X felony
- Trafficking in persons for labor, Class 1 felony
- Involuntary servitude, Class 1 felony (3 counts)
- Involuntary servitude, Class 4 felony (5 counts)

***Daniel Hurtado***: Age 26 (d.o.b. 6-30-1997), of the 500 block of Holly Street, Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 2023CF1544.

- Aggravated involuntary servitude, Class X felony
- Trafficking in persons for labor, Class 1 felony
- Involuntary servitude, Class 1 felony (3 counts)
- Involuntary servitude, Class 4 felony (5 counts)

**Martha P. Hurtado-Hernandez:** Age 57 (d.o.b. 11-28-1965), of the 4700 block of South Wood Street, Chicago, Illinois. Case No. 2023CF1543.

- Aggravated involuntary servitude, Class X felony
- Trafficking in persons for labor, Class 1 felony
- Involuntary servitude, Class 1 felony (3 counts)
- Involuntary servitude, Class 4 felony (5 counts)

**Rigoberto Parra:** Age 46 (d.o.b. 5-25-1977), of the 1600 block of North Marywood Avenue, Aurora, Illinois. Case No. 2023CFXXXX.

- Aggravated involuntary servitude, Class X felony
- Trafficking in persons for labor, Class 1 felony
- Involuntary servitude, Class 1 felony (3 counts)
- Involuntary servitude, Class 4 felony (5 counts)

Each of the individuals appeared this afternoon in Kane County bond court. Judge Salvatore LoPiccolo set bail for each at \$5 million with 10 percent (\$500,000) to apply for bond. The next court appearance for each is scheduled for July 28, 2023, at 9 a.m. in Courtroom 305 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

State's Attorney Mosser alleges that between February 17, 2023, and July 19, 2023, the five named defendants engaged in a conspiracy to subject the seven victims to commercial sexual activity by causing or threatening physical harm to at least one of the victims. The defendants procured locations for the commercial sexual activity, transported the victims to the locations to engage in the sexual activity and advertised that the victims were available for commercial sexual activity. The defendants physically restrained the victims by confining them to a residence, intimidated the victims with threats if they did not engage in the sexual activity, and maintained financial control over the victims.

Seven victims were taken into protective custody Wednesday morning, July 19, 2023. One of those victims was treated at a local hospital.

**State's Attorney Mosser said:** "I am grateful for the collaboration between our office and the St. Charles Police Department. I would like to specifically commend Kane County First Assistant State's Attorney Christine Bayer for her work. First ASA Bayer prosecuted the first cases in Kane County to be charged under Illinois' human trafficking statutes, and she secured several convictions. Her expertise and knowledge assisted police in this investigation.

"I wish to commend the St. Charles Police Department for recognizing this situation as human trafficking and not one in which people are simply charged for sex acts and treated as offenders and not victims. Additionally, my thanks to the Aurora, Elgin, Hanover Park and South Elgin police departments for their assistance in this investigation, as well as the Department of Homeland Security Investigations. I also wish to thank the Kane County Forensic Division and Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul's Forensic Unit for providing additional technical support in analyzing evidence.

"The Kane County State's Attorney's Office is committed to working collaboratively with law enforcement to identify human trafficking and to eliminate it immediately."

**Chief Keegan said:** “This investigation spanned several months and is the culmination of excellent work done by our investigators. Everyone worked tirelessly on this case and sought justice for those without a voice. Your efforts and dedication are not in vain.”

The charges against Hector Briseno, Christian Hurado, Daniel Hurtado, Martha Hurtado and Rigoberto Parra are not proof of guilt. These persons are presumed innocent and are entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state’s burden to prove their guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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