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**Monroe County Grand Jury Indictment Unsealed, Charging 6 Defendants with Crimes
Related to University of Rochester Student Kidnapping**

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County Grand Jury Indictment was unsealed, charging **David Alcaraz-Ubiles** with 2 counts of Kidnapping in the Second Degree, 2 counts of Assault in the First Degree, Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree; **Leah Gigliotti** with 4 counts of Kidnapping in the First Degree, 2 counts of Assault in the First Degree and 2 counts of Gang Assault in the First Degree; **Samantha Hughes** with 4 counts of Kidnapping in the First Degree, 2 counts of Assault in the First Degree, and 2 counts of Gang Assault in the First Degree; **Dennis Perez** with 4 counts of Kidnapping in the First Degree, 2 counts of Assault in the First Degree, 2 counts of Gang Assault in the First Degree, 6 counts of Robbery in the First Degree, 2 counts of Robbery in the Second Degree, 9 counts of Predatory Sexual Assault in the First Degree, Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree and 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree; **Inalia Rolldan** with 2 counts of Kidnapping in the Second Degree, Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree; and **Lydell Strickland** with 4 counts of Kidnapping in the First Degree, 2 counts of Assault in the First Degree, 2 counts of Gang Assault in the First Degree, 6 counts of Robbery in the First Degree, 2 counts of Robbery in the Second Degree, 9 counts of Predatory Sexual Assault in the First Degree, Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree and 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree. All crimes are related to the December 5, 2015 kidnapping of two University of Rochester students.

In the early morning hours of December 5, 2015, University of Rochester seniors, Ani Okeke-Ewo and Nicholas Kollias, were last seen on the University of Rochester campus. Approximately 15 hours later, University of Rochester Department of Public Safety determined that the two students were missing and enlisted the Rochester Police Department to assist with the investigation and search.

On Sunday, December 6th, the Rochester Police Department SWAT Team was called to assist. After several hours of surveillance on a home on Harvest Street, in the City of Rochester, a brilliant rescue was executed. Both University of Rochester students were retrieved from the

home and taken to Strong Memorial Hospital. Nicholas Kollias, who had been shot twice, later underwent surgery for the gunshot wounds.

As a result of the investigative actions of the Rochester Police Department, 7 people were arrested and charged in connection with the kidnapping.

The crimes charged in the indictment unsealed today are indicative of the violent nature of the abduction and the extreme torture the victims underwent while being held for over 40 hours on Harvest Street.

“The investigation is still active and may yield additional defendants and charges.” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “We remain cautious about commenting on the specific facts and will not speculate on motive and other details that could hinder a complete and thorough investigation.”

DA Doorley further stated that “[W]e appreciate the patience and cooperation we are enjoying from the University of Rochester faculty and staff. We know this is a difficult time for the students and faculty but have asked that we all refrain from speculation or comment regarding the allegations in order to protect the integrity of the case in the final stages of investigation and upcoming prosecution. As far as the victims are concerned, we know they are both very fortunate in that they were located by the good work of the RPD SWAT Team. We applaud the collaborative efforts of the University of Rochester Department of Public Safety, the Rochester Police Department Investigators and the RPD SWAT Team.”

Defendants Lydell Strickland, Dennis Perez, Inalia Rollden and Samantha Hughes will appear back in court before Supreme Court Justice Alex R. Renzi on March 9, 2016 at 9:30am for motion argument. Leah Gigliotti will appear back in court before Justice Renzi on March 16, 2016 at 9:30am for motion argument and David Alcaraz-Ubiles will appear before Justice Renzi on January 20, 2016 for appearance with attorney and arraignment.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau and Senior Assistant District Attorney Christine Callanan of the Major Felony Bureau.

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