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### **Woodstock family indicted on human trafficking and harboring charges** *Defendants allegedly submitted Indian immigrant to modern form of slavery*

ATLANTA - A Woodstock, Georgia family, who allegedly submitted an immigrant from India to a form of modern slavery, was indicted here this week by a federal grand jury on human trafficking, alien harboring, witness tampering and making false statements charges following a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) investigation.

Malika Garrett, 42, her husband, Russell Garrett, 43, a Forsyth County Deputy Sheriff and D. William Garret, 72, a Fulton County Magistrate Judge, allegedly conspired to encourage and induce a female Indian national to enter the United States under false pretenses for the purpose of serving as a nanny for the Garrett's children.

According to the indictment, Malika and Russell Garrett later stopped paying the victim for her work as a nanny, significantly curtailed her freedom and ability to leave their home, and threatened to malign her to her family in India if she did not work for them. The couple compelled the victim to work in their home for up to 16 hours a day, nearly every day. The indictment further alleges that, to control the victim, Malika and Russell Garrett insulted her, intimidated her, and threatened her with jail and deportation. With the assistance of a neighbor, the victim escaped the Garretts' home.

The indictment also alleges that after the victim escaped, Malika and Russell Garrett conspired to spread vicious, false rumors about her in her Atlanta neighborhood and her Indian community, and that they falsely accused the victim of theft to local authorities, reported the victim's illegal status to federal authorities; and falsely accused the victim of engaging in terrorism-related activities to the Department of Homeland Security.

The charging documents further alleges that Russell Garrett and D. William Garrett made false statements to the Department of State to obtain a visa for the victim in which they attached documents showing that they were in law enforcement, namely, for Russell Garrett, a photocopy of his Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Badge, and, for D. WILLIAM GARRETT, a photocopy of his Certificate of Training from the Georgia