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**Brooklyn High School Teacher Indicted For
Kidnapping, Criminal Sex Act and Other Charges Involving Six Students**
Defendant Allegedly 'Groomed' Teens Between 2011 and 2014

Kings County District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson today announced that a Brooklyn Technical High School math and science teacher who was indicted last month for allegedly sending an explicit photograph to a 16-year-old student has been charged in a new 36-count indictment with crimes including kidnapping and criminal sexual act after investigators found evidence on his computer that he allegedly victimized six other teenage girls.

District Attorney Thompson said, "It is shocking that a public high school teacher allegedly sexually preyed on vulnerable students. We will now seek to vindicate the rights of those students."

The District Attorney identified the defendant as Sean Shaynak, 44, of East Flatbush, Brooklyn. The defendant was arrested this morning on the new indictment when he showed up for a court appearance in connection with the earlier indictment in which he was charged with first-degree disseminating indecent material to a minor, third-degree obscenity, endangering the welfare of a minor and second-degree harassment. Bail in that case was reset today at \$250,000 bond or \$100,000 cash. He faced up to seven years in prison on that case.

The District Attorney said that Shaynak was arraigned this morning on the new indictment before Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Martin Murphy, who set bail at \$750,000 bond or \$500,000 cash. He is now charged with second-degree kidnapping, first-degree unlawful imprisonment, two counts of second-degree unlawful imprisonment, first- and third-degree criminal sexual act, two counts of first-degree disseminating indecent material, four counts of third-degree obscenity, six counts of official misconduct, two counts of forcible touching, twelve counts of endangering the welfare of a child, first-degree sexual abuse, second-degree reckless endangerment, third-degree menacing and resisting arrest. He faces up to 25 years on the top charge.

The District Attorney said that, according to the investigation, three computers and two phones were seized from the defendant following his August 26, 2014, arrest. A search warrant

was executed and thousands of text messages, as well as hundreds of photographs and videos, were recovered. The investigation revealed that the defendant had allegedly victimized six teenage girls, ranging in age from 13 to 19, between 2011 and 2014.

The District Attorney said that, according to the investigation, the defendant took a 15-year-old student to a nude beach in New Jersey without her parents' consent; he performed a sex act on an 18-year-old student without her consent; he sent photos of his genitalia to four students, including two minors; he engaged in consensual sex acts with two students (ages 18 and 19); he inappropriately touched and kissed students and grabbed the buttocks of a minor; he gave alcohol and cigarettes to minors; he requested two minor girls engage in sex with each other.

The District Attorney further said that, according to the investigation, the defendant is charged with reckless endangerment and menacing for allegedly terrorizing an ex-student with whom he had a prior relationship. Finally, he is charged with resisting arrest for an alleged altercation with detectives when he was arrested last month.

The case was investigated by NYPD Detectives Brian Driscoll and Owen Fronerberger of the Brooklyn Special Victims Division with the assistance of the New York office of the FBI.

The case is being prosecuted by Deputy Bureau Chief Janet Gleeson and Assistant District Attorney Joseph Mancino of the District Attorney's School Advocacy Bureau, under the supervision of Colleen D. Babb, Bureau Chief.

An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant's guilt.

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