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D.A. McMahon announces shutdown of Staten Island Motor Lodge Hotel

****Problem hotel catered to sex workers****

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced the shutdown of the Staten Island Motor Lodge, located at 481 Hylan Boulevard, following an investigation which revealed the hotel had been complicit in illegal activities, including promoting prostitution.

“Having grown up not far from this notorious ‘quick sheets’ hotel, I know that it has been a constant nuisance on the surrounding community for far too long. It has served as a haven for prostitution and other illegal and dangerous activities. My office and the NYPD will continue working hand in hand to ensure that hotels such as this one comply with all laws and regulations in order to improve the quality of life for people living in and around these locations,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “Let this serve as a warning to the owners of any other seedy hotels or businesses operating in Staten Island – where criminality can be identified, we will prosecute to the full extent of the law.”

On Tuesday evening, members of the NYPD’s Vice Major Case Division executed a nuisance abatement closure order at the hotel, directing the establishment be shut down for promoting prostitution. This hotel has been the subject of numerous community complaints and 911 calls over the years, and is known for catering to sex workers. The hotel allowed short rental stays and multiple ads on Backpage.com for individual sex workers directed clients to the hotel. The hotel has also been the site of drug activity and robberies.

Authorities will be seeking several court ordered stipulations and injunctions to be imposed on the hotel before it is allowed to reopen. These stipulations will prevent prostitution and other illegal activities from continuing to occur at the hotel.

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The lead NYPD investigators on the case are Inspector James Klein, Commanding Officer of Major Case Vice Division, and Lt. Marcus Morales.

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