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THE FEDS AND the NYPD broke up a major human-trafficking ring that smuggled women and men into the country to work as sex slaves, law enforcement sources said yesterday.

Investigators rounded up dozens of suspects yesterday in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Rhode Island and Washington, D.C., in the multistate sting, which will be detailed in a news conference today.

The joint probe by the FBI, NYPD and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement began more than a year ago and in March led to the arrest of two Queens cops charged with protecting a Flushing brothel from police raids in exchange for bribes and sex with hookers.

Pimps Geeho Chae and Gina Kim told investigators they paid rogue cops Dennis Kim, 29, and Jerry Svoronos, 30, for tips on when to expect raids and for help in shutting down competing cathouses. The two decorated cops were arrested and the \$4,000-a-day brothel on 164th St. was shuttered.

The corruption probe led to a wider investigation into the young women and men working in this and other Asian brothels.

Neighbors said Asian men in fancy cars and limos patronized the sex den.

In the initial investigation, an undercover detective met with the pimps and pocketed some \$126,500 in bribes to keep the law at bay. Sixteen Korean and Chinese women were rounded up in the earlier sting.

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