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Human Trafficking Case Heads to Philly Court

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Closing arguments are expected Tuesday in a case that opens a window into the hidden world of human trafficking and forced labor.

Federal prosecutors in Philadelphia say the victims were promised \$500 a month, but instead were given little food or money for their 16-hour days.

Authorities say Omelyan and Stepan Botsvynyuk and their brothers operated a criminal racketeering enterprise that beat, raped or threatened people who came to the United States for a better life.

Defense lawyers say the witnesses are cooperating with the government only to get a visa for trafficking victims that entitles them to stay in the country.

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