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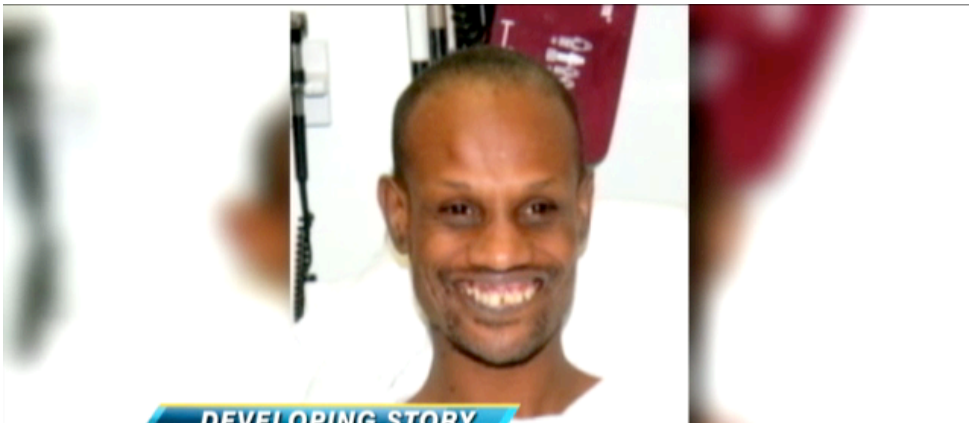


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# Ten Children Found in Connection With Philadelphia Dungeon Case



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Ten children have been located and taken into protective custody by police who were investigating the alleged imprisonment of four adults in a Philadelphia dungeon, police said today.

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In addition, a fourth suspect has been arrested in connection with the dungeon case.

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The suspect's name was not released but she was described as the daughter of Linda Weston, 51, the accused ring-leader of the scheme. The suspect will be charged today with illegal imprisonment of four mentally handicapped adults in a basement with no food or bathroom for at least 10 days.

Linda Weston, 51, her boyfriend, Gregory Thomas, 47, and a man named

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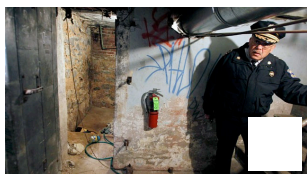
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Eddie Wright, 49, were arrested and charged on Sunday, following the discovery of the individuals by the building's landlord. Police have not yet released the girl's name.

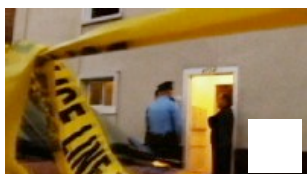
The 10 children were found Tuesday night at a different location in Philadelphia from the house that contained the basement dungeon, but are believed to have been in Weston's custody. Police say they acted on a tip from Florida authorities to locate the group.

One girl is believed to be 19-year-old Beatrice Weston, the niece of Linda Weston, who has been reported missing since 2009, and was said to have been physically abused.

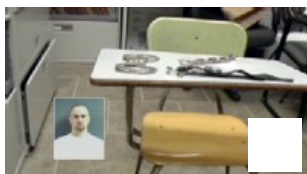


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"She is in very, very poor condition. She has lost a lot of weight. She has newer injuries, definitely some older injuries, a lot of scarring," Lt. Ray Evers told ABC News affiliate [WPVI](#).

Two young children found by police may be the biological children of one of the imprisoned adults, according to police.

Police are trying to identify the rest of the group, including three other young adults and four other children. Weston and Gregory's son, Thomas Gregory, Jr., was not among those taken into custody and has not been arrested in connection with the crimes either.


Benita Rodriguez, a 15-year-old girl from Florida who traveled to Philadelphia to be with Thomas Gregory, Jr., was found by police on Monday. The girl told her mother during a phone call that once she arrived in Philadelphia, Weston would not let her contact anyone back home, according to ABC News affiliate [WPBF](#).


"Once (the victims) were out there in Philadelphia, she was not allowed to be outside," Rodriguez's mother, Juana Rodriguez, told [WPBF](#).


A task force is working around the clock to try and locate as many as 50 victims of the alleged fraud and kidnapping ring that is said to have spanned a number of states including Texas, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, and now Pennsylvania.


Detectives also found dozens of identification cards, power-of-attorney forms and other documents. Philadelphia police formed a task force to investigate the case as authorities try to find as many as 50 more possible fraud victims, Officer Jillian Russell said.

The four defendants are believed to have moved from Texas to Florida to Philadelphia with the kidnapped individuals, fleeing

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each place when authorities began to close in on them, according to Florida authorities.

Police identified the victims as Derwin McLemire, 41, of North Carolina; Herbert Knowles, 40 of Virginia; and Tamara Breeden, 29, and Edwin Sanabria, 31, both of Philadelphia.

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