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## PROSTITUTION AT MASSAGE SPAS



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The former location of Anna's Spa, left, is shown at 2577 S. Queen St. in York Township. The spa was one of four in York County investigated as part of an alleged prostitution ring that saw seven people charged.

## ICE deportation brings case to end

► **REMOVAL:** At least one of the seven people accused of leading prostitution at businesses in York County has been returned to China.

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Cases where seven people were accused of leading prostitution out of massage spas in York County came to an abrupt end after immigration enforcement agents got

► **INSIDE:** ICE detains three found by marshals in York City. A5

involved.

At least one woman has been deported, and another now faces removal.

The situation appeared to lead to the York County District Attorney's Office moving to dismiss the cases against Xianqiong Zhao and Qi Guo, along with two other women, Jie Zhou and Shi Qing Liu, between Nov. 21 and Dec. 3, court documents show.

The four were charged as co-de-

fendants with counts of promoting prostitution, corrupt organizations, conspiracy and dealing in proceeds from unlawful activity following a monthslong investigation by the DA's office detectives into four spas in West Manchester, Penn, York and Springettsbury townships.

Three other people – Min Dong, identified as Guo's mother, Xiao Lin and Yinmei Zeng – were also charged from that investigation. They resolved their cases with plea agreements last December and Ja-

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## Senior living chain files

► **CHAPTER 11:** SpiriTrust Lutheran, which has six residential and nursing sites, has filed for bankruptcy protection.

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SpiriTrust Lutheran, a York County-based company that provides senior residential living, nursing and rehabilitation services, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

The company operates six facilities in three counties, including four in York County. In total, it serves 6,400 people annually. Its York County locations are The Village at Kelly Drive in East Manchester Township, The Village at Shrewsbury, The Village of Sprenkle Drive in Manchester Township and The Village at Utz Terrace in Hanover.

Court records show that SpiriTrust Lutheran filed for bankruptcy on Nov. 21 in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

The company, which did not immediately respond to requests for comment, also owns The Village at Gettysburg, Adams County, and The Village at Luther Ridge in Chambersburg, Franklin County.

Based on the available information, it's not clear what will happen to the residents of SpiriTrust's facilities.

**A larger trend**

Pennsylvania had 695 nursing homes in 2019. That figure fell to about 650 over the last five years, according to the state Department of Health.

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DISPATCH FILE PHOTO

The Village at Sprenkle Drive is one of six facilities owned by SpiriTrust Lutheran, which has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

## Judge orders release of Abrego Garcia

► **DETAINED:** The judge said there was no legal basis for expelling the Salvadoran man from the country.

MICHAEL COLLINS  
USA Today

A federal judge has ordered that a high-profile

Salvadoran man should be freed from federal immigration custody, saying the Trump administration had no legal basis to expel him from the country and misled her at a November hearing.

U.S. District Judge Paula Xinis ordered the immediate release of Kilmar Abrego Garcia, who was

detained in March and mistakenly deported to El Salvador. Abrego Garcia was returned to the United States in June but was arrested again on federal charges of human smuggling in Tennessee.

Xinis' order, filed Thursday, is the latest legal victory for Abrego Garcia in a case that has shone a spot-

light on the Trump administration's hard-line immigration policies. The Supreme Court previously ordered the government to facilitate his return from El Salvador, and federal judges in Tennessee rejected prosecutors' requests to keep him in criminal

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## Disney to invest \$1 billion in OpenAI, allow use of its characters

► **VIDEO:** The deal could reshape how Hollywood makes content.

DAWN CHMIELEWSKI AND DEBORAH MARY SOPHIA  
Reuters

Walt Disney is investing \$1 billion in OpenAI and will let the startup use characters from Star Wars, Pixar and Marvel franchises in its Sora AI video generator, a crucial

deal that could reshape how Hollywood makes content.

The three-year partnership announced on Thursday is a pivotal step in Hollywood's embrace of generative artificial intelligence, sidestepping the industry's concerns over the impact of AI on creative jobs and intellectual property rights.

As part of the licensing deal, Sora and ChatGPT Images will start generating videos using licensed Disney

characters such as Mickey Mouse, Cinderella and Mufasa, from early next year. The agreement excludes any talent likenesses or voices.

"Through this collaboration with OpenAI we will thoughtfully and responsibly extend the reach of our storytelling through generative AI, while respecting and protecting creators and their works," Disney CEO Bob Iger said.

Talks began long ago: Iger

and OpenAI's Sam Altman began talking years ago, as they explored a way to do more to showcase the potential of generative AI, when combined with Disney's characters and stories, according to one person familiar with the talks.

Prior to the launch, OpenAI offered the studio early looks at its image-generation tool Sora, the source who requested anonymity to discuss the negotiations said,

adding that Disney found OpenAI willing to engage constructively in this dialogue.

Iger previewed part of the strategy during an investor call in November, saying AI would allow the company to provide Disney+ users with tools to create and consume user-generated content, mainly in short form.

As part of the agreement

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