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CALIFORNIA MAN ARRESTED FOR POSING AS YOUTH'S CLASSMATE TO OBTAIN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced a grand jury returned a nine count indictment against California resident Jeramey Todd Walkley, 40, as part of a child sex crimes investigation.

The indictment against the defendant was filed in Multnomah County Circuit Court on June 22, 2018 and alleges six counts of using a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct, two counts of luring a minor and one count of online sexual corruption of a child in the second degree. As stated in the indictment, the crimes are alleged to have occurred in August 2017.

According to an affidavit in support of arrest, the defendant communicated with a minor via social media and text message communication while the youth was living in Portland, Oregon. During the communication, the defendant purported to be a classmate of the youth and convinced the youth to send nude images of herself to him.

Additionally, as stated in the arrest warrant, the defendant threatened the victim by stating he would distribute her nude and sexually explicit photos to her high school. The victim continued to believe she was communicating with one of her classmates. Distraught, the victim disclosed the threat to her mother. The victim's mother spoke to the family of the classmate who the victim thought was a fellow student. The victim's mother learned her daughter had not been communicating online with a classmate, but rather an adult stranger. The family of the youth called the police, who investigated and obtained the victim's smartphone. Police were able to identify Walkley as the defendant in this case.

Detectives assigned to the Portland Police Bureau's Sex Crimes Unit traveled to Eureka, California and arrested Walkley with the help of local law enforcement.

The defendant appeared before Judge Shelley D. Russell on June 25, 2018 and was arraigned on the grand jury indictment. His next court date is scheduled for August 6, 2018.

A copy of the arrest warrant affidavit and indictment filed in this case can be obtained using the Oregon eCourt Case Information (OEI) system. This matter is documented under case number 18CR30678.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office would like to provide resources to the community when it comes to protecting children from online predators. If you believe you, or your child is a victim of a crime, contact law enforcement to file a report. In Multnomah County, reports can be filed by calling 502-823-3333.

[American Bar Association – Tips for Parents to Protect Kids from Online Predators](#)
[Department of Homeland Security – Talking to Kids About Being Online](#)
[Multnomah County Sheriff's Office – Investigations Division](#)
[Portland Police Bureau – Sex Crimes Unit](#)

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