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## Indictment alleges Portland man tried to lure minors into providing him sexually explicit material

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that a Portland, Oregon resident appeared in Multnomah County Circuit Court and was arraigned on a 35-count indictment following a child sex crimes investigation conducted by detectives assigned to the Portland Police Bureau's Family Services Division.

Mitchell Colton Taylor, 30, turned himself into the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office on January 2, 2019 after a warrant was issued for his arrest on December 28, 2018.

The warrant was the result of an indictment that charges Taylor with six counts of attempting to use a child in a display of sexually explicit conduct, four counts of luring a minor, 22 counts of encouraging child sexual abuse in the first degree and three counts of encouraging child sexual abuse in the second degree.

The crimes alleged in the indictment span from December 2017 through March 2018.

It is alleged in the indictment that Taylor, on numerous occasions, unlawfully and intentionally attempted to induce a child into participating in, and engage in, sexually explicit conduct. It is further alleged that Taylor unlawfully and knowingly furnished multiple minors with a description of sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of inducing the minors to engage in sexual conduct.

Furthermore, the indictment alleges Taylor unlawfully and knowingly disseminated, displayed, viewed and was in possession of multiple images and video files that depicted sexually explicit conduct involving children.

A copy of the indictment can be obtained using case number 18CR86407 in the Oregon eCourt Information (OECI) system.

The defendant's next court date is scheduled for February 19, 2019.

This remains an on-going criminal investigation and as such, no additional information can be released by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office.

An indictment is only an accusation of a crime. The defendant is innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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