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Grand jury indictment alleges Portland man kidnapped, sexually assaulted woman in North Portland

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced a 14-count secret indictment was unsealed following the arraignment of 37-year-old Alexander Anderson.

The indictment charges the defendant with six counts of kidnapping in the first degree, two counts of strangulation, two counts assault in the fourth degree, two counts of sexual abuse in the first degree and one count each of sodomy in the first degree and coercion.

This criminal investigation started in late March 2017 when a woman reported to the Portland Police Bureau that she had been sexually assaulted by a man she did not previously know at his place of business.

The indictment alleges that Anderson unlawfully and knowingly, without the victim's consent, took her from one place to another, secretly confined her in that location where he terrorized her, caused her physical injury and forced her to engage in unwanted sex acts. During the kidnapping, the indictment alleges Anderson strangled the victim by choking her throat and neck and also blocking her nose and mouth.

On November 7, 2018, at approximately 10 a.m., the Portland Police Bureau arrested Anderson in the 8900 block of Northeast Vancouver Way.

On November 8, 2018, Anderson appeared before Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge John A. Wittmayer and was arraigned on the indictment. Anderson pleaded not guilty to all charges. His next court date is tentatively scheduled for December 21, 2018.

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

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