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Child sex crimes investigation results in 11-count indictment

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that a grand jury returned an 11-count Jessica's Law indictment against 33-year-old Jonathon Paul Rogers.

Jessica's Law went into effect in 2006 and requires a 25 year mandatory minimum sentence for adults convicted of raping, sodomizing or sexually penetrating a child younger than 12 years old.

The indictment, which was filed on December 28, 2018, charges the defendant with one count of rape in the first degree, two counts of sodomy in the first degree, two counts of unlawful sexual penetration in the first degree and six counts of sexual abuse in the first degree.

The indictment identifies two female victims and alleges both were abused while under the age of 12. One victim was allegedly abused from 2012-2016; the other was allegedly abused from 2012-2018, according to the indictment.

This investigation started on December 11, 2018 when an officer assigned to the Portland Police Bureau gave a sexual harassment presentation to students at a K-8 school in the Portsmouth neighborhood, according to a probable cause affidavit filed in Multnomah County Circuit Court.

A female student told the officer that a person she knows had repeatedly touched her in a sexually explicit manner over multiple years, according to court documents. The officer reported the allegation to the Oregon Department of Human Services and the Multnomah County Child Abuse Team.

During the investigation, law enforcement identified a second female victim who also disclosed being sexually assaulted by the defendant, according to the probable cause affidavit.

Both children were taken to CARES Northwest, which is Multnomah County's child abuse assessment center.

On December 19, 2018, the defendant met with detectives and admitted to sexually abusing both children, according to court documents. He was booked into the Multnomah County Detention Center.

On December 31, 2018, Rogers appeared in Multnomah County Circuit Court and was arraigned on the indictment. His next court date is scheduled for February 11, 2019.

This case is being investigated by the Multnomah County Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team, which includes representatives from local law enforcement, public schools, hospitals, courts, health departments, the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Oregon Department of Employment Child Care Division.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Team is responsible for reviewing and coordinating all child abuse and neglect cases in Multnomah County. The team also handles all child homicides, felony child physical abuse cases, felony child abandonment cases, custodial interference cases, and felony sex crimes where the victim is currently under the age of 18 and where the perpetrator is determined not to be a stranger to the child.

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, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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