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Sexual Assault Kit Backlog Elimination Project yields new indictment against 38 year old man

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced a grand jury returned a four count indictment against 38-year-old Ricky Alexander Harrison.

This case is part of the Sexual Assault Kit Backlog Elimination Project.

The indictment, which was filed September 5, 2018, alleges one count of sodomy in the first degree, one count of sodomy in the third degree, and two counts of sexual abuse in the second degree. As stated in court documents, the alleged incident occurred on February 3, 2007 in Multnomah County. At the time of the alleged offense, Harrison was 26 years old.

The female victim in this case was 15 years old at the time of the offense, according to the indictment.

On Feb. 15, 2018, the defendant was identified as the perpetrator of this crime on the basis of DNA sample comparison, according to court documents.

The defendant's last known address was the 2800 block of Northeast 7th Avenue in Portland, Oregon. He remains in custody in King County, Washington on an unrelated matter.

An arraignment date on case number 18CR59141 has not been set.

The victim in this case is requesting complete privacy. Members of the media are asked to not to contact the victim or any member of her family by any means due to the sensitive nature of this case.

Sexual Assault Kit Backlog Elimination Project

In 2015, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill, along with the Portland Police Bureau, Gresham Police Department, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and the Oregon State Police Forensic Laboratory collaboratively initiated a project to process thousands of untested Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence (SAFE) kits in Multnomah, Marion and Lane counties.

District Attorney Underhill and others quickly identified funding from the [New York County District Attorney's Office \(DANY\)](#) and worked collectively with the Portland Police Bureau's Sex Crimes Unit after the City of Portland received a grant from [U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance's \(BJA\) Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Grant Program](#).

[DANY awarded](#) the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office a total of \$1,995,453 in September 2015. Using those funds, a coordinated effort involving local law enforcement and the Oregon State Police was launched to send SAFE kits, dated 2014 or older from Multnomah, Lane and Marion counties, to a private lab in Utah for testing.

In early 2018, an additional 302 SAFE kits from 13 other Oregon counties were sent to the lab using funds from the DANY grant. In total, nearly 3,000 SAFE kits from Oregon were sent to be tested.

In Oregon, Senate Bill 1571, known as "Melissa's Law," was the Oregon Legislature's response to ensuring all sexual assault kits, except for anonymous kits, are sent to the Oregon State Crime Laboratory for timely testing.

The Portland Police Bureau implemented a full submission policy in February 2015 that mandates every SAFE kit, with the exception of anonymous kits, be sent to the OSP Forensic laboratory.

Results from the kits continue to be investigated and survivors of sexual assaults are being notified through the [Rose Project](#). The PPB Sex Crimes Unit, a victim-centered and trauma-informed detail, encourages those who have had a SAFE kit collected prior to 2015 to contact the roseproject@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-0125.

Current Multnomah County SAFE kit criminal cases (as of September 6, 2018)

State of Oregon vs Steven Guy Tubbs - 17CR08640 – Sentenced to 100 months in prison in August 2018

State of Oregon vs Jose Oscar Rosales - 17CR29317 - Sentenced to 210 days in jail, 60 months of PPS

State of Oregon vs Curtis Clint Williams - 17CR37474 – Sentenced to 33 years in prison in July 2018

State of Oregon vs Jihad Eldeen Moore - 18CR13996 - Pending Trial

State of Oregon vs Chanh Van Tran - 18CR25167 - Pending Trial

State of Oregon vs Ricky Alexander Harrison – 18CR59141 – Pending arraignment

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