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Sexual Assault of a Child Investigation

On January 3, 2011 the Lancaster City Bureau Of Police Special Investigations Unit (SIU) received a report regarding the long-term sexual abuse of a female juvenile under the age of 13 by her babysitter. Based on the allegation the SIU initiated an investigation.

During the investigation, it was learned that:

Charles W. BLEACHER Jr. 54
539 S. Lime St.
Lancaster Pa.

was a trusted friend of the victim's family and as such was often in the role of the babysitter/caretaker of the victim, specifically from 1997 through 2010. That during this time period BLEACHER gained the child's trust and then sexually assaulted the victim repeatedly.

As a result of the ongoing investigation, Det. Gary Lowe (lead investigator) consulted with Assistant District Attorney Karen Mansfield who heads the Lancaster County District Attorney's Office, Child Abuse Unit. Det. Lowe obtained an arrest warrant, charging Bleacher with:

- 2 counts of Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse With a Child (F-1)
- 1 count of Aggravated Indecent Assault of a Child (F-3)
- 1 count of Indecent Assault (F-3)
- 1 count of Indecent Exposure (M-1).

Said charges were brought before Magisterial District Judge Ballentine.

On 10 Jan. 2011 members of the Lancaster City Police SIU arrested BLEACHER on the above charges and served search warrants at his residence. Bleacher was arrested without incident, was arraigned on the criminal charges and was committed to the Lancaster County Prison in lieu of \$250,000 bail.

This investigation is ongoing. The SIU has continued the investigation and as a result Det. Gary Lowe filed



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additional criminal charges against BLEACHER on 28 Jan. 2011 before MDJ Ballentine. These charges are:

- 1 count of Rape of a Child (F-1)
- 1 count of Aggravated Indecent Assault of a Child (F-1)
- 3 counts of Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse with a Child (F-1)
- 1 count of Unlawful Contact With Minor (F-1)
- 1 count of Statutory Sexual Assault (F-2)
- 1 count of Sexual Assault (F-2)
- 3 counts of Indecent Assault (F-3)
- 1 count of Indecent Assault (F-3)
- 1 count of Indecent Exposure (M-1)
- 1 count of Corruption of Minors (M-1)

As stated above the investigation is ongoing and additional charges are anticipated.

Police are requesting anyone with additional information regarding this case or others to contact the Lancaster City Police at (717) 735-3300. Bleacher is a long term resident of Lancaster City.

The Lancaster City Bureau of Police respectfully requests that published information be limited to what is contained in this news release in order to protect the identity of the victim. All persons accused of a crime are considered innocent until proven guilty in court.

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