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QUEENS MAN CHARGED WITH SEXUALLY ABUSING
FEMALE STUDENTS ATTENDING DAUGHTER'S DAYCARE CENTER
Defendant Faces Up To 7 Years In Prison If Convicted

Acting Queens District Attorney John M. Ryan today announced that a 77-year-old Queens man, who is the father of a daycare center operator, has been charged with sexually abusing two female students - one of the victims is a 5-year-old and the other now-16 years old, was allegedly abused beginning in 2010 when she was just 7 and attending the daycare facility.

Acting District Attorney Ryan said, "Parents search far and wide for the best childcare for their children. At the very least, they expect their youngsters to be safe. Sadly, the father of the daycare center owner took advantage of the access he had to these vulnerable preschoolers and allegedly violated them in unimaginable ways. The defendant is in custody and now faces going to prison for his alleged actions."

The District Attorney's Office identified the defendant as Ramon Rodriguez, 77, of South Ozone Park, Queens. Rodriguez is awaiting arraignment in Queens Criminal Court on a complaint charging him with first-degree sexual abuse, second-degree course of sexual conduct against a child and 2 counts of endangering the welfare of a child. If convicted, Rodriguez faces up to 7 years in prison.

Acting Queens District Attorney Ryan said, that according to charges, between June 17, 2019 and July 14, 2019, the victim, who is 5-years-old attended the Your Treasures Day Care center located at 116-28 121st Street in South Ozone Park, Queens. During the above mentioned time, the defendant, on at least one occasion, touched the 5-year-old victim's vagina under her clothing.

Continuing, said Acting DA Ryan, it is further alleged that between 2010 and 2015, the victim, who is now 16-years-old attended the above mentioned daycare center. During the above mentioned time, the defendant subjected the female student to sexual contact on numerous occasions when she was between the ages of 7 and 12 by rubbing the victim's vagina both under and over her clothing and exposing his penis. He also forced her to touch him and to watch while he manipulated himself. The defendant continued to have access to the girl after she was no longer a student at the childcare center.

Furthermore, according to the charges, it is alleged that between August 15, 2010 and January 31, 2019, the defendant stated to the now 16-year-old teenager "Your breasts look great" and would repeatedly expose his penis to her. The victim also told police that the defendant on numerous occasions apologized to the teenager saying in sum and substance "I know you hate me for what I have done to you. I am sorry."

The investigation was conducted by Detectives Raven Bolling-Davis of the New York City Police Department's Special Victims Squad and Daniel Schmidt from the NYPD Child Abuse Squad under the supervision of Sergeant Olga Jimenez and under the overall supervision of Sergeant Stephen Chei.

Assistant District Attorney Talia Seidel of the District Attorney's Special Victims Bureau, assisted in the investigation and is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Kenneth M. Appelbaum, Bureau Chief, Eric C. Rosenbaum and Debra Lynn Pomodore, Deputy Chiefs and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders and Deputy Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Brad A. Leventhal.

It should be noted that a criminal complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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