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Former New Jersey Neurologist Indicted for Sexual Assault and Criminal Sexual Contact

Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri today announced the indictment of a former New Jersey neurologist for sexually assaulting seven female patients during a two-year period while he was employed in Hopewell Township.

A Mercer County grand jury returned a 15-count indictment on March 9 charging Ricardo Cruciani, 63, with eight counts of second-degree sexual assault and seven counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual contact. The charges relate to seven female patients who were victimized by Cruciani between January 2014 and January 2016, some of whom who came forward after reading about his charges in Pennsylvania. The indictment alleges acts of sexual assault and touching by use of physical force or coercion. Cruciani was a chief neurologist at Capital Health's Institute of Neurosciences at its Hopewell Township campus.

In November 2017, Cruciani pleaded guilty in Pennsylvania to groping women in a Philadelphia clinic. He is currently charged with sexually assaulting multiple women in New York over a 10-year period.

Prosecutor Onofri said the charges are the result of an investigation by the Mercer County Prosecutor's Special Victims Unit and the Hopewell Township Police Department. Senior Assistant Prosecutor Renee Robeson presented the case to the grand jury.

Anyone with information on the case should contact the Mercer County Prosecutor's SVU at (609) 989-6568.

Despite having been indicted, every defendant is presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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