



OFFICE OF THE MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR

JANETTA D. MARBREY
Prosecutor

209 S. Broad Street, 3rd Floor
P.O. Box 8068
Trenton, New Jersey 08650-0068
Phone: (609) 989-6350
mercercountyprosecutor.com

JENNIFER DOWNING-MATHIS
First Assistant Prosecutor

JESSICA PLUMERI
Chief of County Detectives

BRIAN KIELY
Deputy Chief of County Detectives

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 30, 2024

CONTACT: Casey A. DeBlasio
cdeblasio@mercercounty.org

Trenton Man Arrested and Charged with Aggravated Sexual Assault

An investigation conducted by the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit and the Trenton Police Department has resulted in the arrest of 51-year-old Trenton man for sexually assaulting a minor child in the city, Mercer County Prosecutor Janetta D. Marbrey announced.

Jose Agustin-Hernandez, 51, is charged with one count of first-degree aggravated sexual assault, one count of second-degree criminal sexual contact and one count of third-degree endangering the welfare of a child. He was taken into custody in Trenton on Sunday, December 29, by members of the MCPO. The prosecutor's office has filed a motion to detain Agustin-Hernandez pending trial.

According to allegations in the complaint and affidavit, on the evening of Tuesday, December 23, 2024, during a prayer service at an in-home chapel on Hamilton Avenue in Trenton, an individual entered a room where a six-year-old girl was sleeping and sexually assaulted her. The victim ran out of the room crying and told a family member. Individuals from the residence attempted to chase down the man who fled out of the door and down to the corner, where they lost sight of him.

Detectives with the Trenton police and the prosecutor's SVU spent the next few days interviewing numerous witnesses and collecting and reviewing video surveillance footage from various locations in the area, and were able to identify Agustin-Hernandez as the individual who entered the residence and committed the assault.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact prosecutor's Detective Michael Wherley or Sergeant Sherika Salmon at (609) 989-6568 or mcposvu@mercercounty.org.

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

###