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PRESS RELEASE

Former Pennsylvania State Trooper Charged with Sexual Abuse of a Minor

The Chester County District Attorney's Office and Chester County Detectives announced the arrest of Darren Lawrence, for multiple counts of rape of a child, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, aggravated indecent assault, and related offenses. The defendant served as a Pennsylvania State Trooper from 1982 through 2000.

District Attorney Deb Ryan stated, "This is an incredibly disturbing allegation. We will do everything possible to ensure we seek swift justice on behalf of the victim in this case. Child molesters will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law in Chester County."

The allegations from the criminal complaint¹ are as follows:

On February 21, 2020, a twenty-two year old female reported that the defendant, Darren Lawrence, sexually assaulted her when she was between the ages of nine and twelve. The sexual abuse occurred when the victim's mother left the child in the care of the defendant in various locations in

¹ A criminal defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

Chester County. The victim stated that the assaults happened at least once a month for an approximate three year period.

The victim said that the defendant committed rape when she was between the ages of ten and eleven. She further stated that there were multiple acts of kissing, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and aggravated indecent assault when she was between the ages of nine and twelve that occurred on a monthly basis for approximately three years. It was also reported that the defendant took nude photographs of the victim when she was approximately ten or eleven years old.

The defendant is 59 years old and resides in Wilmington, Delaware.

The defendant was arrested on March 2, 2020, and arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Albert Iacocca, who set bail at \$250,000 cash. The defendant was unable to post bail and was remanded to Chester County Prison. A preliminary hearing is scheduled on March 4, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at District Court, 15-3-04, in Kennett Square, PA.

This case was investigated by the Chester County Detectives. It is assigned to Deputy District Attorney Erin O'Brien of the Child Abuse Unit. Anyone with information regarding this or other incidents involving the defendant should contact Chester County Detective James Ciliberto at (610) 344-6866.

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Approved for release:

Deborah Ryan
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