



DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF CHESTER COUNTY

201 WEST MARKET STREET, SUITE 4450

POST OFFICE BOX 2746

WEST CHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA 19380-0989

TELEPHONE: 610-344-6801

FAX: 610-344-5905

Thomas P. Hogan
District Attorney

February 15, 2012

PRESS RELEASE

Technology Catches Up With Defendant Charged With Sex Assault

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan and the Pennsylvania State Police announced the filing of rape, kidnapping, and related charges against Maynard Glen Church. The defendant is charged with sexually assaulting a 14-year old female victim in East Nottingham Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

The defendant is 38 years old. He formerly resided in Oxford, Pennsylvania.

The allegations in the criminal complaint and affidavit¹ are as follows:

On September 27, 2009, the juvenile victim was walking along Little Elk Creek Road in East Nottingham Township. A stranger approached her, first tried to engage her in conversation, then grabbed her and forced her to the ground. The suspect then sexually assaulted the victim.

Pennsylvania State Police, Troop J, Avondale ("PSP Avondale") was assigned to investigate. After the assault, the victim provided a physical description of the suspect. However, law enforcement was unable to locate the suspect. Nevertheless, as part of the investigation, PSP Avondale successfully gathered a DNA sample from the attack. PSP Avondale continued to investigate the case, but no other leads were generated.

On May 22, 2010, defendant Maynard Church was arrested by PSP Avondale in an unrelated matter. On September 28, 2010, the Chester County District Attorney's office convicted Church. As a result of Church's conviction, Church was required to submit a DNA sample to the central state DNA database.

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

In 2011, PSP Avondale was informed that Church's DNA was a match for the DNA from the suspect in the 2009 sexual assault of the juvenile. PSP Avondale and the Chester County District Attorney's Office then filed the instant charges.

District Attorney Tom Hogan stated, "The Pennsylvania State Police and the Chester County District Attorney's office combined traditional police work, tenacious prosecution, and cutting-edge technology to bring charges against this criminal defendant. Ten years ago, a case like this would not have been solved. Today, the joint efforts of the Pennsylvania State Police and the District Attorney's office have resulted in the filing of charges and the case being one step closer to delivering justice for the victim of this terrible crime".

This case is assigned to Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth Pitts of the Chester County District Attorney's Child Abuse Unit. The primary investigator is Cpl. James Reinard of the Pennsylvania State Police, Troop J, Avondale.

* * * * *

Approved for release:

Thomas P. Hogan