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PENNSYLVANIA MAN CHARGED AND EXTRADITED TO NEW JERSEY FOR SEXUAL ASSAULTS UPON CHILDREN

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On Thursday, October 15, 2009, Reading, Pennsylvania resident, Jose Ortiz, waived extradition in the Berks County Pennsylvania, Court Of Common Pleas. Berks County Judge James M. Bucci released the defendant to the custody of the Passaic County Prosecutor during an extradition hearing yesterday. Detectives from the Passaic County Prosecutor's Extradition and Special Victims Units transported Mr. Ortiz to Paterson, New Jersey. Mr. Ortiz is charged in New Jersey for the sexual assault of two female children. The initial complaint alleges that between August 2000 and August 2001 the defendant committed aggravated sexual assault upon a child less than 13 when he was in Paterson, New Jersey. A second complaint charges Mr. Ortiz with an aggravated sexual assault upon another child between December 2001 and December 2002 while he was in Paterson, New Jersey.

In total, the 50-year-old former Paterson, New Jersey resident is charged with two counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault (First Degree); two counts of Sexual

Assault (Second Degree); and two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child (Third Degree). The Aggravated Sexual Assault charges each carry a maximum sentence of up to 20 years in the New Jersey State Prison. The Sexual Assault charges each carry a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in the New Jersey State Prison. The Endangering the Welfare of a Child charges each carry a maximum sentence of up to five years in the New Jersey State Prison. The Passaic County Prosecutor's Special Victims Unit investigated the case.

The investigation revealed an additional victim in Connecticut and additional offenses in Pennsylvania. This information is being forwarded to the appropriate authorities in those jurisdictions.

Bail has been set at \$350,000 by Passaic County Superior Court Judge Raymond A. Reddin. The defendant is prohibited from any contact with the alleged victims. He is further restrained from any contact with children.

Anyone with information about this investigation can contact Detective Angel Perales of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Special Victims Unit at 973-837-7626.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite this accusation, the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.