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WAYNE PHYSICIAN CHARGED WITH SEXUALLY ASSAULTING PATIENT

WAYNE, NEW JERSEY: September 13, 2011

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Wayne Township Police Chief John Reardon announce the arrest of 61 year-old Sparta, New Jersey resident, Leonard Joachim, M.D.

Dr. Joachim has been charged with one count of Sexual Assault. The charge is a second degree offense with a maximum sentence of 10 years in New Jersey State Prison.

Dr. Joachim was arrested Tuesday, September 13, 2011 after a joint investigation by the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit, the Wayne Police Department, and the Enforcement Bureau of the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs. The assault occurred when a female patient was being treated on Wednesday August 31, 2011 in Dr. Joachim's office at 401 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, New Jersey.

Dr. Joachim's bail has been fixed at \$500,000. The Office of the Attorney General will immediately seek an emergency suspension of Dr. Joachim's medical license by the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners.

Any person who has additional information related to this investigation may call the Investigator Kathleen Conklin of

the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs' Enforcement Bureau at 973-504-6300.

Any media inquiries may be directed to Passaic County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Joseph A. Del Russo. He can be reached at 973-837-7636 or jdelrusso@passaiccountynj.org.

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