



NEWS RELEASE

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WAYNE MAN CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT OF MINOR CHILD

PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces the arrest of Pedro Quezada, 49, of Wayne, New Jersey, for sexually assaulting a minor female child. At this time, it appears there are no other victims.

Mr. Quezada was charged with two counts of First Degree Aggravated Sexual Assault, two counts of Second Degree Sexual Assault and one count of Second Degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child for sexually assaulting the child during the time period when the child was between the ages of 11-years old and 14-years old and while he resided in Passaic, New Jersey.

Mr. Quezada received notoriety for the winning the Powerball Lottery jackpot in the amount of \$338,000,000 in 2013.

First Degree Aggravated Sexual Assault carries a maximum term of twenty years in New Jersey State Prison with 85% of the sentence to be served before parole; Second Degree Sexual Assault carries a maximum term of ten years in New Jersey State Prison with 85% of the sentence to be served before parole and Second Degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child carries a maximum term of ten years in the New Jersey State Prison. In addition, each crime carries the additional penalties of Megan's Law and Parole Supervision for Life.

The State is represented by Assistant Prosecutor Erica Salerno and the defendant is represented by Rafael Bentancourt, Esq. in this matter.

Central Judicial Processing is scheduled for September 20, 2017 in the Criminal Division, Superior Court of New Jersey, Passaic Vicinage, at 1:30PM.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor Christopher Freid of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit at cfreid@passaiccountynj.org or at (973) 837-7639.

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



Pedro Quezada