

Man Indicted on More Sexual Assault Charges

Originally Charged With Rape in 2018

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A Franklin County man initially charged with rape in 2018 is facing more sexual assault charges after being indicted by a Franklin County Grand Jury.

Casaibrian Prichard, 40, Catawissa, is now facing eight felony charges after originally just being charged with first-degree rape in 2018.

The Franklin County Grand Jury recently reviewed the case and tacked on additional charges.

Prichard is now charged with three counts of first-degree rape, three counts of first-degree sodomy, one count of invasion of privacy and one count of third-degree assault.

The charges stem from multiple incidents between Nov. 1, 2017, and Aug. 23, 2018.

The investigation into Prichard began April 18, 2018, after a woman contacted the Franklin County Sheriff's Office alleging she had been raped.

The woman told deputies she was with friends at a Franklin County bar. The group decided to leave with a sober driver.

The driver took the group back to his house where people continued to drink until everyone eventually went to bed.

The woman told deputies she remembers "blacking out," briefly regaining consciousness and then losing it again.

The woman told deputies when she did regain consciousness, she was unable to speak but was able

to identify the person who was assaulting her.

Franklin County deputies investigated the case and discovered the woman was given a substance. The substance was not prescribed to her and had no reason to be in her system, the sheriff's office said.

Detectives investigating the case discovered the suspect, Prichard, had a prescription for medication which was the same classification of the substance found in the woman's system.

Prichard did not deny having sex with the victim, but stated the intercourse was consensual, according to the original probable cause statement filed in the case.

The initial case was forwarded to the prosecuting attorney's office where charges were issued in September 2018.

An additional woman contacted deputies in February 2019. She told deputies she also was sexually assaulted by Prichard.

Deputies continued the investigation into Prichard and found a third person who they alleged was victimized.

The Grand Jury indicted Prichard in late February. He was arrested on a no-bond warrant Friday, March 6, by the sheriff's department.

Prichard is in custody at the Franklin County Adult Detention Center.

Detectives believe there could be additional victims. Anyone who has information about this case is encouraged to call the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Detective Division at 636-583-2560.



Light Reading

Ella Kennon, left, and Leya Huynh read in their tent with flashlights Friday, March 6, at St. Francis Borgia Grade School. On Friday, students wore pajamas for the "read in the dark" event. Sheets were used to make reading tents. The reading event was a part of the school's celebration of Literacy Week.

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Seeking Nominations For Teacher of Year

And Support Staff Person

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Nominations are now being accepted for the WINGS Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Person of the Year awards for the Washington School District.

WINGS officials said anyone may submit a nomination for the Teacher of the Year.

If a parent or staff member nominates a certified individual, they are asked to provide a letter of recommendation from the building principal, including specific examples

Yoga Class for Seniors Will Be March 16

Mercy Hospital Washington will sponsor Yoga for Seniors, a free program for anyone, aged 60-plus. The classes will be led by Melissa Duchatschek, owner of Present Moment Yoga in Washington.

The spring 2020 session will be March 16, March 23 and March 30, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. Classes will be held at Mercy Medical Building South (Patients First Drive) in conference rooms A and B.

Only 30 spots are available for each session. Participants are asked to wear comfortable clothing and arrive 10 minutes before the class begins.

Mats will be available to purchase for \$6, or participants can bring their own.

To register, call Denise Wilson at 636-390-1459.

as listed on the nomination form.

Teacher of the Year nominations are due on April 28.

The nominations will be submitted to the superintendent, who along with a committee, will review them and select up to 10 for final selection by the WINGS board.

Nominees will be announced at the Back to School ceremony in August, and the winner will be announced at WINGS Hall of Honor in September.

The WINGS Teacher of the Year also will be the district's nomination for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Regional Teacher of the Year award in 2021. Finalists are then considered for the Missouri State Teacher of the Year.

By announcing the local Teacher of the Year at the beginning of the school year, the nominee will have several months to complete the application and requirements for regional competition.

Support Staff

Support Staff Person of the Year nominations also are being sought.

Anyone can nominate a person; however, if it is someone other than the building principal/supervisor, a letter of support from them is to be included with the nomination.

The person selected by WINGS will be recognized at the end-of-year ceremony in May.

Support staff nominations are due March 25.

Nomination forms for both awards can be found on the district's website.

Next PAT Play Group Will Be Wednesday

The Washington School Parents as Teachers (PAT) program will offer play groups this spring.

This program is for all families with children from prenatal to 5 years.

Play groups will be held March 11, March 18, March 25, April 1, April 8, April 15, April 22, April 29, May 6 and May 13, from 9 to 10 a.m. at the EIC Building.

For more information or to enroll, call 636-231-2820 or email Sandra.gildehaus@washington.k12.mo.us.

Enrollment for Three For Free Under Way

Enrollment has begun for East Central College's Three for Free summer scholarship program, which provides a student with a tuition-free course over the summer.

The program is for students in the Class of 2021 and 2022, who have a 3.0 cumulative high school grade-point average or higher.

Students must sign up before classes begin June 1.

Early College Programs Director Megan Strubberg said she hopes the program is as

well received this year as it was in 2019, the inaugural year for the program, when 98 students enrolled.

"It is a great opportunity to get one tuition-free class, and more if they choose, out of the way, which can lighten their course load later," Strubberg said.

The name of the program suggests only classes worth three credit hours are available, but the program applies up to a five credit hour course.

Students are only re-

sponsible for fees and textbooks. The program is available in Union, Rolla and online.

The intent of the program is to encourage students to continue taking dual credit classes during the summer. The program is part of an ECC strategic plan goal to increase opportunities for college credit for students in the community.

Students may begin the enrollment process for Three for Free at www.eastcentral.edu/earlycollege/.

Medicare Seminar at Mercy

Mercy, Washington will offer "Getting Started," a free, one-hour educational seminar

Red Cross to Host Series of Blood Drives

The American Red Cross will be hosting a series of blood donation drives in Franklin County this month.

Donations in Washington will be held on Thursdays: March 12, 19 and 26, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Krakow Blood Donation Center.

In Sullivan, donation drives will be Friday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesday, March 17, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Cricket Wireless; Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday, March 26, 3 to 7 p.m., at Sullivan Elementary.

Pacific donation drives will be Thursday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Eureka Fire Training Center and Monday, March 23, from 2 to 6:30 p.m., at New Beginnings Lutheran Church.

Wednesday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m. for individuals who are or will soon be eligible for Medicare.

The seminar will be held at Mercy Medical Building South in conference room A/B.

The event is open to anyone in the community who will be aging into Medicare this year.

Sessions will include information on Parts A and B and Part D, and will include the differences between Part C and Medicare Supplement insurance plans.

For more information on the seminar, call 314-364-3441 or visit mercy.net/MedicareWashington.

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