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Press Release

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On October 27, 2014 the North Kingstown Police Department received a complaint of an alleged sexual assault that occurred on or about June 19, 2014 in the Town of North Kingstown.

North Kingstown Detectives working with working with Investigators from outside the state of Rhode Island; identified the suspect as Mr. Mario Atoyan (49) of North Kingstown. During the course of the investigation investigators believed they were provided with sufficient information to support one (1) criminal count of first degree sexual assault and one (1) criminal count of second degree sexual assault.

On March 20, 2015 the Rhode Island Office of Attorney General with the assistance from the North Kingstown Police Department presented the matter to a Washington County Grand Jury. Upon conclusion of the grand jury hearing, jurors found sufficient information to return a true bill – one (1) count First Degree Sexual Assault and one (1) count Second Degree Sexual Assault.

On March 23, 2015 in the Superior Court, Washington County Court House, Mr. Mario Atoyan (49) was arraigned and released on the above charges.

If anyone believes that they have been a victim of a sexual assault they are encouraged to seek out professional support and consider contacting their local law enforcement agency for further assistance.

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