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Mitchell Beckwith accused of raping woman, forcing her to engage in sex acts for money

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced the filing of a 12-count indictment against 27-year-old Mitchell Beckwith for allegedly kidnapping, raping and sexually abusing a woman and then telling her that she needed to make him money after the two met on a dating application.

Beckwith is charged with two counts of kidnapping in the first degree, one count of sexual abuse in the first degree, one count of strangulation, three counts of sodomy in the first degree, two counts of rape in the first degree, two counts of promoting prostitution and one count of compelling prostitution.

According to court documents, this investigation started on November 17, 2019 when law enforcement responded to a residence in the 4700 block of West Powell Boulevard in Gresham, Oregon on reports of a disturbance. Officers arrived and contacted an adult female who was shaking and having trouble speaking. The woman reported that a person name "Mike" raped her.

During the investigation, law enforcement learned that on November 16, 2019, the victim met up with a person she had met on a dating application approximately two days prior, according to court documents. The victim told police the name of that person was "Mike."

The victim told police that "Mike" picked her up and drove her around, according to court documents. The two ultimately ended up at Rocky Butte in Portland, Oregon. Once at Rocky Butte, "Mike" started touching the victim against her will, according to court documents.

Despite her pleas to stop, "Mike" continued to physically and sexually assault the woman, according to court documents.

According to court documents, the victim told police that during the sexual assault, Beckwith allegedly held his forearm across her throat, which prevented her from breathing. As the victim started to scream, Beckwith told her to stop, reached under the seat and grabbed a roll of duct tape, according to court documents.

After the alleged assault, the suspect took both of the victim's phones and put them in the vehicle's center console and told her that she could only have them back if she brought him money. Once back at the victim's residence, the victim obtained money and gave it to "Mike" who then said he needed the victim to make him additional money.

In addition to the sex crimes allegations, Beckwith is accused of unlawfully using force and intimidate the victim to engage in or attempt to engage in sex acts so that he could be able to receive money or some form of compensation.

While the victim was at the hospital receiving medical treatment, law enforcement learned "Mike" had returned to the apartment.

Officers responded and contacted the man, later identified as Beckwith. Upon looking inside Beckwith's vehicle, law enforcement located a roll of duct tape.

Like in all criminal and civil matters, electronic copies of court documents, which are not subject to a protective order, are available to the public through the Oregon eCourt Information (OEI) system.

No additional information can be released by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office at this time pursuant to the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct.

A charging document is only an accusation of a crime. Beckwith is innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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