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Georgia resident indicted for sex crimes allegedly committed in Multnomah County in 2012, 2016 and 2018

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that a grand jury filed a nine count indictment against 41-year-old Helio Ferreira for allegedly committing multiple sex crimes against three females in 2012, 2016, and 2018.

Ferreira, a resident of Valdosta, Georgia, was arrested in Georgia on December 3, 2019 by law enforcement with the assistance of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office, and Portland Police Bureau.

Ferreira is charged with two counts of sodomy in the first degree, two counts of kidnapping in the first degree, three counts of rape in the first degree, one count of sexual abuse in the first degree, and one count of identity theft.

According to the indictment:

- On or about November 17, 2012, Ferreira unlawfully and knowingly engaged in sexual intercourse with the victim who was incapable of consent either because of mental incapacitation or physical helplessness;
- On or about September 18, 2016, Ferreira kidnapped a separate female and then unlawfully and knowingly, by forcible compulsion, engaged in sexual intercourse and other sex crimes;
- On or about September 7, 2018, Ferreira kidnapped a third female and then unlawfully and knowingly, by forcible compulsion, engaged in sexual intercourse and committed the crime of identity theft involving the victim.

Furthermore, the indictment states that in all three cases Ferreira was identified as the perpetrator of these crimes on the basis of DNA.

Ferreira remains in the custody of Lowndes County Sheriff's Office. Media should direct any questions regarding Ferreira's next court date in Georgia to the Lowndes County District Attorney's Office.

Although this case dates back approximately seven years, it is not a case being prosecuted under the Multnomah County District Attorney's Untested Sexual Assault Backlog Kit project.

This case is being investigated by the Portland Police Bureau's Sex Crimes Unit and the Hillsboro Police Department.

Law enforcement are continuing to investigate this matter to determine if there are any additional victims. Anyone with information about Ferreira is asked to contact Portland Police Bureau Detective Ross Dormady at 503-823-0880.

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 (OECI) 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.

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