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File #: 24-23502

Call Type: Criminal Sexual Contact/Harassment

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Time: 5:56 PM

On July 23rd, 2024, a female walked into the Guttenberg Police Department, reporting that she was the victim of a criminal sexual contact while working inside of a flower shop on Park Avenue. During the commission of the crime, the suspect was said to have brandished a badge, indicating that he was a former Police Officer with the Union City Police Department. Members of the Guttenberg Police Department's Patrol Division forwarded this information to our Criminal Investigations Bureau, at which time Detectives immediately launched a criminal investigation. Over the course of a few days, Detectives recovered relevant video surveillance footage and successfully identified the suspect as 52-year-old Ytalo Savinovich of Cliffside Park, NJ. As the result of their criminal investigation, Mr. Savinovich was charged with criminal sexual contact [2C:14-3B] and harassment [2C:33-4C]. Both charges were issued on a complaint warrant and the defendant remained unapprehend.

On July 26th, 2024, the Cliffside Park Police Department notified our agency that they had located and apprehended Mr. Savinovich, who was then transported to the Guttenberg Police Department for his arrest processing. Following his arrest processing, Mr. Savinovich was transported to a local hospital for a medical evaluation to be cleared for incarceration. Once medically cleared, Mr. Savinovich will be transported and lodged in the Hudson County Correctional Center.

If anyone has any information pertaining to this incident, they are encouraged to contact the Guttenberg Police Department at 201-868-3300 or email:

1. Lt. Steven Diaz sdiaz@guttenbergpolice.org
2. Det. Sgt. Marcin Rysiec mrysiec@guttenbergpolice.org

The charges above are merely accusations. Every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty in a court of law.

Message from Deputy Chief Frank Pelaez: I'd like to thank my Detectives and the Cliffside Park Police Department for their outstanding work in investigating and apprehending this defendant. To our residents, rest assured that our Officers and the Officers of our neighboring jurisdictions are always working towards fostering safer communities for you all.

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