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PRESS STATEMENT

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“Family Friend” Indicted on Child Rape Charges

State v. Patrick L. Kennedy 2011-CR-231

In 2010 and early 2011, the defendant, 34-year-old **Patrick L. Kennedy** sexually molested children left in his care. The Montgomery County Grand Jury has indicted the defendant for:

- Seven counts of Rape of a child under 10
- 14 counts of Gross Sexual Imposition of a child under 13

The defendant was described as a family friend. On weekends, the female victims, ranging in age from six to 10 years old, were left at the defendant's residence by their mothers, and he would babysit them. While the children were there, the defendant performed various sex acts on them.

One of the victims told her mother what was occurring, and the mother took her child to the hospital. An investigation confirmed the child's accusations.

On January 25, 2011, the defendant was indicted for two counts of rape of a child under 10 years of age. The investigation continued and the other children were interviewed. It is now believed the defendant sexually molested a total of five victims.

Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. said, “This defendant gained the friendship and trust of these children's mothers. That he would abuse that confidence and sexually assault multiple children is simply shocking. His actions were discovered and he will be prosecuted and brought to justice.”

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned on March 9, 2011. He faces a possible sentence of 205 years to life in the penitentiary.

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