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Charles Pugh Charged With Six Counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct

On Wednesday, June 22, 2016, Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy charged Charles Pugh, 44, of New York, in connection with sexually inappropriate behavior with a 14-year-old teenage male that occurred between September 2003 and May 2004. The complainant is currently 27-years-old.

In June 2003, the 14-year-old Detroit teen met Pugh for the first time when he went to the Fox2 news station with a theater group to perform. At that time, Pugh was working as a reporter and anchor at the station. The complainant approached Pugh about an internship and they exchanged phone numbers. The teen did not work as an intern at Fox2, but during the summer of 2003, at Pugh's invitation, the teen went to Pugh's Detroit apartment several times. Pugh and the complainant kept in touch by phone and text messages. It is alleged that Pugh had inappropriate sexual contact with the complainant at Pugh's home in Detroit from September 2003 through May 2004. The complainant was 14 and 15 years of age at the time of the alleged contact. The specific facts and evidence in the case will be presented in court at the preliminary examination.

Pugh has been charged with three counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct, which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison, or any term of years. He has also been charged with three counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct Third Degree, which carries a maximum penalty of up to 15 years in prison.

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Information regarding the charging of Pugh was not released yesterday by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office because the defendant was not in custody at the time. This morning Pugh was arrested without incident at his home in New York City. The U.S. Marshall Service for the New York and New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force coordinated the arrest of Pugh with the Detroit Fugitive Apprehension Task Force. Updated information regarding his extradition and arraignment will be provided when it is received.

"Despite what the defendant has meant to the City in the past, and the positive work he did here, we cannot and will not turn a blind eye to these alleged facts," said Prosecutor Worthy.

Charles Pugh has been arraigned on the charges and will be extradited from New York on his next court date on July 7, 2016.

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