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ALLEGED RAPE SUSPECT OF A MINOR ARRESTED IN HOMEWOOD

PITTSBURGH, PA – Sheriff William P. Mullen announces the apprehension of Val Byrd, 59 years of age from the City of McKeesport. Byrd has been wanted since Tuesday, regarding an alleged child sex assault.

Authorities allege that Byrd drugged and raped a 16 year old female in February 2017. During the incident, Byrd used heroin and alcohol to disorient the victim and then raped her at his home. Due to these allegations, Byrd was charged with Rape, Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse, Indecent Assault, Corruption of Minors, Unlawful Contact with Minor, Recklessly Endangering Another Person, Selling or Furnishing Liquor or Malt or Brewed Beverages to Minors, Unlawful Restraint and Corruption of Minors.

This morning, sheriff's deputies and County Police developed information that Byrd was staying in the Homewood section of Pittsburgh. Authorities approached and an apartment in the 6800 block of Frankstown Avenue, where they made contact with a female. In the background of the room, authorities viewed Byrd and apprehended him, without incident. Byrd was transported to the Allegheny County Jail, where he will be arraigned on the aforementioned charges.

The apprehension of Byrd marks the fifteenth arrest in 2017 by the Sheriff's Office regarding sex crime fugitives.



Val Byrd

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