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PITTSBURGH MAN CHARGED WITH HARASSING JUDGE

Pittsburgh PA ---- Sheriff Kevin M. Kraus announced today that charges have been filed against a Mt. Washington man for harassing an Allegheny County Common Pleas Court Judge.

Earlier this month, 62-year-old John Rehak parked a vehicle on the street where the judge lived with a sign on top of the car asserting that the judge had abused their power and was biased and racist among other things.

When deputies arrived, they observed multiple cameras in the car including a camera that was pointed toward the judge's residence. The car was then checked for explosives using K9 Zeke and that check did not produce any indication of explosive materials. A search warrant was then obtained for the vehicle.

It was subsequently determined that Rehak has an ongoing case involving this judge and had previously been advised by the judge's staff to cease personal emails and handle his affairs through an attorney.

Rehak was interviewed by detectives from our office the next day and based on that interview, the following charges were filed:

M2 - Obstructing or impeding the administration of justice by picketing
M3 – Harassment

“Ensuring the safety of judges, their homes and their staffs is one of the most important duties we carry out,” said Sheriff Kraus. “Anytime a judge is targeted in any way that is inappropriate and unlawful, we will do what is necessary to hold people accountable.”

Rehak will be notified of the charges via summons.

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