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## Fourth woman accuses Chester constable of assault

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A fourth woman is accusing a Chester constable and former part-time Darby Township police officer with using his authority to indecently assault her, according to charging documents released by the Delaware County District Attorney's office Monday.

Kevin Joseph Walker was already facing charges for allegedly using his former position as a Darby Township police officer to coerce sex from at least three women he encountered during on-the-job police investigations when the fourth woman emerged.

The fourth woman filed a report Jan. 10, alleging Walker was on duty in his elected constable's position when he made sexual overtures Nov. 7, 2011. At the time, he was transporting her from the county prison, where she had been incarcerated since mid-October, to district court for her preliminary hearing on unspecified offenses.

Walker, 43, of the 300 block of Palmer Street in Chester, surrendered Monday on the new charges, which were filed Feb. 20, by Detective Thomas WorriLOW, of the county's Special Prosecution Unit. The additional charges include: Sexual assault, a third-degree felony; three counts of indecent assault, a first-degree misdemeanor offense; and two counts of official oppression, a second-degree misdemeanor offense.

Magisterial District Judge Stephanie Klein preliminarily arraigned the defendant and set bail at 10 percent of \$25,000.

Walker posted bail and was released. A preliminary hearing is scheduled March 30 at the county courthouse, before an out-of-county judge who has not yet been named.

Because the alleged fourth offense preceded his initial arrest, the new charges are not considered a violation of bail. His bail on the initial charges was set at 10 percent of \$50,000.

Walker was initially arrested Dec. 29 on charges of rape and official oppression, details laid out in affidavits supporting two criminal complaints. According to those documents, Walker is accused of sexually assaulting, stalking and or harassing three women, between 2010 and 2011.

One of the alleged victims was pregnant.

According to the affidavit in the latest incident, the woman stated Walker was operating the van that transported her to a preliminary hearing in Media on Nov. 7, 2011. While being transported by Walker, who operated the van alone, Walker told the woman she deserved to be spanked and that she would "probably like it."

During the conversation, the woman said she hoped to never see Walker again. Walker responded by saying, “You should hope to be my friend.” Walker also told the woman he had “power over her release.”

When the woman’s hearing concluded, Klein reduced her bail to unsecured and the court issued release papers.

While on the return transport from the court to the prison, Walker told the woman to show him her breasts. He said he could put the release papers into the hands of the right person. He said he could see to it she was released in two hours or she could stay all night, according to the probable-cause affidavit.

When the woman refused to do as Walker directed, he acted like he was going to throw the papers out of the window of the van. Walker again asked the woman to show him her breasts, and this time she complied.

The woman said she was able to raise the shackles to a point where she could pull down her brown prison uniform and expose her breasts. At that time, Walker made a statement indicating he would like to have sexual contact with that part of her body.

The woman stated that when they arrived at the prison, Walker removed the belt around her waist and the handcuffs.

While doing so, Walker placed his hand on her waist and then slid his hand to her breast. The woman characterized this action as an attempt to fondle her. The woman also noted that Walker also tightened the belt excessively while removing it.

Walker is currently an elected state constable for the city of Chester, 10th Ward. Following his initial arrest in December, Chief Samuel Ziviello of the Delaware County Park Police and director of the Constable Transport Team, suspended Walker without pay, pending outcome of the charges.

Darby Township Police Chief Leonard McDevitt Jr. previously said Walker was suspended without pay and with the intent to terminate in July, when allegations first surfaced against him.

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