Former Montville police officer charged in rape of 7-year-old girl at University Hospital

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2016 Cop Pedophile Carl Kannenberg

CLEVELAND, Ohio -- A former Wayne County probation officer and former Montville police officer was indicted this week on charges of raping a 7-year-old girl while at University Hospital.

A Cuyahoga County grand jury indicted 34-year-old Carl Kannenberg Tuesday, charging him with four counts of rape in which he is accused of sexually assaulting the young girl several times.

Three counts happened during an incident at University Hospital in February while his victim was wearing a hospital gown, according to the indictment. A fourth occurred prior to that at another location.

Kannenberg, of Brunswick, was arrested July 12.

He was not working at the hospital at the time the attacks occurred, but was visiting a patient there, Joe Frolik, spokesman for the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office said.

Hospital personnel helped report the incident to police, according to Frolik.

"Patient safety is our highest priority. UH takes the safety of our patients very seriously," University Hospitals Spokeswoman Alicia Reale said. "We are continually refining and strengthening our protocols to maintain a safe environment for our patients and their families."

The hospital did not have comment on the specific incident.

Kannenberg was formerly employed as a police officer in Montville Township, Frolik said. Kannenberg left the Montville department in 2015 and was employed as a probation officer with Wayne County Municipal Court from August 2015 until March.

Kannenberg is scheduled to be arraigned Aug. 17. He did not return a voicemail left on his listed phone number.

This article has been updated to include a response from University Hospitals, as well as to clarify that Kannenberg was charged with three counts of rape stemming from an incident at the hospital.

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