

Former corrections officer indicted for allegedly sexually assaulting child

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BRIDGETON — A grand jury indicted a former prison corrections officer for allegedly sexually assaulting a child, according to the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office.

Richard Briggs, 50, of Holly Parkway, in Williamstown, allegedly abused the child in Hopewell Township on various dates. Briggs worked as a corrections officer at South Woods State Prison for the New Jersey Department of Corrections in 1989.

A Cumberland County Grand Jury indicted Briggs on Oct. 13 on charges of aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault, endangering the welfare of a child and lewdness. He was arrested on May 11 by New Jersey State Police and released from jail on May 22 after posting \$150,000 bail, according to Cumberland County Jail.

He was no longer working for the Department of Corrections as of Aug. 25, according to department spokesman Patrick Lombardi.

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