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### **Sex Offense**

On January 19, 2016, at approximately 1:20 P.M., the Sumter County Sheriff's Office responded to 1451 El Camino Real, The Villages, FL, (The Villages Regional Hospital) in reference to a reported sexual offense, which occurred at 1566 Bella Cruz Dr. The Villages, FL,(Publix parking lot).

The victim's father informed the deputy that the victim has been diagnosed with Autism and has the mental capacity of a fifth or six-grader. The victim's father also said he is the victim's legal guardian. He stated the victim disclosed the details of the sex offense to him over a telephone call.

The deputy made contact with the victim where the victim informed him that while on his lunch break he was approached by an older white male approximately 60-70 years of age. The victim stated the suspect lured him into the car, proceeded through the parking lot and parked the vehicle. After parking the vehicle, the male began to rub the victim's shoulders. The victim explained the male then grabbed and rubbed his



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genitals through his pants. The victim asked the male to stop, but the male continued, and at some point, the male put his mouth to the victim's genitals, this was also through his pants. The victim then informed the deputy the man eventually stopped touching him, but then exposed his penis. The victim was eventually able to exit the vehicle where he ran into the Publix store. The victim stated he did not know the suspect.

The deputy then viewed video surveillance from Publix. While watching the footage the deputy observed a silver passenger car pull into the shopping center from Buenos Aries Blvd at approximately 12:24 P.M. He then observed the vehicle stop and sees someone approach the passenger side and began speaking with the driver. The subject outside the vehicle leans inside the vehicle twice before entering it. Once the subject entered the vehicle, they proceeded past the main entrances of Publix, where the video surveillance captured the side of the vehicle. At this angle, the deputy was able to observe the front, passenger side, window to be partially rolled down, and observe the victim setting in the passenger seat.

The vehicle proceeds to the area of Publix's liquor store where it appears to park in the parking lot at approximately 12:26 P.M. The deputy observed at approximately 12:36 P.M. the vehicle leave the parking spot and proceed back toward Buenos Aires



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Blvd running a stop sign in the parking lot. The victim was captured entering the Publix main entrance at approximately 12:35 P.M.

Detectives were able to use law enforcement databases to identify the suspect as Edmund Peter Rossy DOB: 10/05/1944 of The Villages, FL. On January 28, 2016 at approximately 6:15 PM Rossy came to the Criminal Investigation Division of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office where he met with case Detective Tom Ford and agreed to participate in an audio/video recorded interview at the conclusion of the interview Rossy was placed under arrest and transported to the Sumter County Detention Center for booking where he was charged with the following:

1ct Battery-Touch or Strike	Bond: \$1000
1ct Sex Assault-Sex Bat 18 yr or older by person 18yr or older	Bond: \$10,000
1ct Sex Assault-Lewd Lascivious molest elderly/disabled person	Bond: \$5,000

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