



# SHERIFF

WASHINGTON COUNTY

## Media Release

### School Bus Driver Arrested for Multiple Sex Crimes

February 27, 2018 – Detectives arrested a school bus driver for multiple sex crimes. He is currently lodged at the Washington County Jail.

In late January, Washington County Sheriff's Office detectives assigned to the Violent Crimes Unit began investigating a report that an Aloha man had been sexually abusing two young girls over the course of several years. Detectives identified the suspect as 32-year-old Kenneth M. Garcia.

During the investigation, detectives learned that Mr. Garcia was a school bus driver employed by Student Transportation of America in Tigard. Mr. Garcia's bus route included Durham Elementary School and Hazelbrook Middle School in the Tigard-Tualatin School District. His employer suspended him without pay when they learned of the investigation.

On February 23, 2018, detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Mr. Garcia and took him into custody. Mr. Garcia is being held at the Washington County Jail, charged with the following crimes:

- Sodomy in the first degree (three counts)
- Unlawful sexual penetration in the first degree
- Sexual abuse in the first degree (two counts)
- Sexual abuse in the second degree (three counts)
- Sexual abuse in the third degree (two counts)
- Luring a minor

His bail has been set at \$2,250,000.

Investigators wish to thank Student Transportation of America for their cooperation. At this time, there is no reason to believe that Mr. Garcia had inappropriate contact with any students on his bus routes. Detectives would like to hear from any other potential victims or anyone with information about this case. Please call detectives at 503-846-2500.



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