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PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE: Terminated Caregiver Receives 18 Additional Charges

September 22, 2016 – Today at 3:00 P.M., Adeladilew A. Mekonen was charged with several new crimes at his arraignment at the Washington County Law Enforcement Center.

The additional charges concern two victims, ages 87 and 94 years old. The charges are:

- One Count of 1st Degree Rape
- One Count of 1st Degree Kidnapping
- Four Counts of 1st Degree Sexual Penetration
- Three Counts of 3rd Degree Sexual Abuse
- Four Counts of 2nd Degree Sexual Abuse
- Five Counts of 1st Degree Sexual Abuse

These charges are from two of nine identified victims of unwanted sexual contact from Mr. Mekonen. Adeladilew A. Mekonen was previously employed at the West Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center in Portland prior to working at Providence Saint Vincent Medical Center. The nine victims that have come forth to the Washington County Sheriff's Office Detectives are associated with the West Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center and Providence Saint Vincent Medical Center locations. Both previous employers are cooperating with the Sheriff's Office with this investigation.

Sheriff's Detectives are concerned there are additional victims that have yet to come forward. Anyone with information on these cases should call the Sheriff's Office Detective Division at 503-846-2500.

Adeladilew A. Mekonen is held in the Washington County Jail on 1,000,000 bail. Due to the ongoing investigation, limited information is available at this time.

ORIGINAL RELEASE BELOW:

September 15, 2016 - Washington County Detectives arrested a Certified Nursing Assistant from Providence St. Vincent Medical Center for sexual contact with patients.

On September 14, 2016, Washington County Sheriff's Office Detectives, assigned to the Violent Crimes Unit, arrested 34-year-old Adeladilew A. Mekonen, a Certified Nursing Assistant at Providence Saint Vincent Medical Center, for sexual contact with patients.

The investigation stemmed from complaints made by two elderly females who were recently patients at the hospital. Sheriff's Detectives did follow up work and developed probable cause that Mr. Mekonen engaged in criminal conduct.

Mr. Mekonen has been charged with one count of Rape in the First Degree and one count of Unlawful Sexual Penetration in the Second Degree. He remains in the Washington County Jail with bail set at \$250,000.



The Sheriff's Office wants to thank Providence Saint Vincent Medical Center for their full cooperation with this investigation.

Sheriff's Detectives believe there could be additional victims. Mr. Mekonen worked at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center from May 2016 until yesterday, when he was arrested. Anyone with information on these cases should call Detective Robert Rookhuyzen at 503-846-2673.