



Genesee County Prosecutor's Office David Leyton, Prosecutor



Former den leader faces additional charges in case involving sex assaults against children

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GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP, Michigan -- Nine more felony charges have been issued against a Grand Blanc Township man accused of sexually assaulting several children.

Charles J. Phillips, 36, a former den leader with the Boy Scout's Tall Pine Council, was charged in February with seven felonies involving seven children ages 9 to 13 who were neighbors or friends of his family.

Earlier this month, Phillips was charged with assaulting an eighth child.

According to the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office, Phillips knew the victim through Boy Scouts and a martial arts class in which Phillips was involved.

"Another victim has come to light and the allegations are as revolting as the other incidents already reported," said Prosecutor David Leyton. "I will do all I can as Prosecutor to hold this man responsible for his repulsive actions and to make sure that he doesn't have the chance to abuse other children."

In regard to the eighth child, Phillips faces charges including six counts of criminal sexual conduct first degree, two counts of criminal sexual conduct second degree and gross indecency between males.

The latest victim came forward after his mother read about the first allegations against Phillips and asked her son if anything he had happened to him.

Phillips remains in the Genesee County Jail and his attorney Patricia Lazzio could not be reached for comment.

Phillips is expected back in District Court on June 16 for a review after being ordered Tuesday to have a psychiatric evaluation.

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