

Former Hillside staffer indicted on criminal sexual act charges

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A former Hillside Children's Center employee has been indicted by a Monroe County Grand Jury.

Matthew D. King, 29, of Rochester, is facing five counts of third-degree criminal sexual act, a felony, and four counts of endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor.

King is accused of having sexual contact with a 15-year-old resident at Hillside Children's Center on several occasions this year, while working at the center as a youth-care professional, according to New York State Police.

Troopers initially arrested King last month following a joint investigation with the Monroe County District Attorney's Office. King was indicted on the same charges on Friday.

"Any crime committed against a child is of course extremely serious, but it is particularly insidious when that crime is carried out by someone whose job it is to protect the child," Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley said in a printed statement. "I look forward to presenting evidence in this case and sending a strong message to would-be offenders that this community maintains a zero-tolerance policy for any type of crime that victimizes a child."

Hillside officials said King worked at Hillside for about 1 ½ years, ending July 27.

King is scheduled to be arraigned by Monroe County Court Judge Frank Geraci on Sept. 26.