



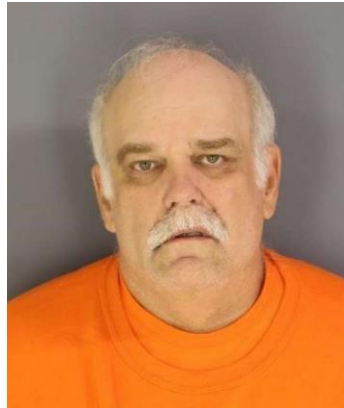
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Guilty Plea in Child Endangerment Case



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOHN ALLEN, 62, of Coeymans, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a Class A Misdemeanor, in Coeymans Town Court this morning.

Over the course of several months in 2018, ALLEN did direct three minors under the age of 18 to wear diapers while visiting his home.

At the time of the offenses ALLEN was employed with the New York State Department of Mental Health, but has since been terminated from his position with the State.

ALLEN faces up to (60) days in custody, to be followed by (3) years of Probation, when sentenced on November 21, 2019. In addition, ALLEN will be mandated to abide by Sex Offender conditions while under the supervision of the Department of Probation. Full stay away no contact orders of protection will be continued for each victim.

“Cases like this illustrate the need for the laws of New York State to be strengthened in certain incidents involving special victims. We hope that lawmakers will give prosecutors the necessary tools to hold offenders adequately accountable by providing for the enhancement of the penalties available for sexually motivated misdemeanors,” commented DA David Soares.

Executive Assistant District Attorney Jennifer McCanney and Assistant District Attorney Stephen Lydon are handling the prosecution of this case.

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