



Victim's Hand-Drawn Pictures Detailed Sex Abuse, Court Documents State

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NASHUA — A girl's extensive collection of drawings of her alleged sexual abuse that she made during therapy sessions led to the arrest Monday of a Nashua man on felony charges.

Scott Harley, 38, of Nashua, is facing two class A felony charges after two girls under 10-years-old claim he hit them and touched them while they were in his Nashua home around 2015 or 2016, according to a police affidavit.

The drawings were made during therapy sessions for the older of two girls and were given to them by the girl's mother.

Police began their investigation on July 4, 2017, when the girls' mother claimed Harley had abused the pair.

According to the police affidavit, the older of the two children told her mother Harley hit the victims and touched their "area."

The first of a series of forensic interviews at the Hillsborough County Child Advocacy Center in Nashua did not yield a disclosure of abuse. One of the interviews, however, resulted in a claim by the younger girl that Harley touched her "area" when he tried to slap her "butt" as a punishment.

It was at the second interview that police recommended both victims attend counseling, and it was there the drawings that led to Harley's arrest were produced.

In November, police were made aware that the older victim disclosed sexual abuse to her therapist. Police were eventually granted access to interview the victim's therapist. A CAC interview with the older girl resulted in her claiming Harley assaulted her at night in his house.

The therapist told the police that the victim communicated what happened to her primarily through drawings rather than vocally. The victim would then tell the therapist what the pictures meant. During their

visits, the child would be "very emotional" and "hysterical," the therapist told police.

The affidavit characterizes the collection of drawings of Harley's alleged abuse as a "book."

The affidavit added in March the younger of the two girls told police that Harley would penetrate her vagina.

Harley's bail was set Tuesday at \$100,000 cash or surety bond.

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