



PRESS RELEASE

Attorney General Frosh Secures Conviction of Oxon Hill Man for Posing as a Doctor and Sexual Assault

BALTIMORE, MD (November 2, 2018) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that Thurman Rufus Watson, 73, of Oxon Hill, was found guilty by a jury of sexual offense in the second degree, practicing medicine without a license, and misrepresenting himself as a practitioner of medicine.

The female victim testified she was sexually assaulted by Watson when she visited his home office on January 19, 2015. She was seeking treatment for weight loss and did not know that Watson was not a licensed physician.

“We visit doctors in search of guidance, advice and healing,” said Attorney General Frosh. “Mr. Watson cloaked himself in the trust we place in medical professionals and took advantage of an unsuspecting victim. He now faces a significant time behind bars.”

Sex offense in the second degree is a felony punishable by a maximum of 20 years. Practicing medicine without a license is a felony punishable by a maximum of 5 years. Misrepresenting as a practitioner of medicine is a felony punishable by a maximum of 5 years.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 18, 2019, in the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County before the Honorable Tiffany Anderson.

In making today’s announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked the members of the Crimes of Exploitation Task Force and others who assisted with this case including: Jerry E. Jones, Assistant Attorney General; Richard Wolf, Investigator for the Office of the Attorney General; Detective Wheeler of the Prince George’s County Police Department; Nancy Dunlap, RN (former Sexual Assault Forensic Nurse); Nancy Louthan (former investigator with the Maryland Board of Physicians); Trooper First Class Michelle Workman of the Maryland State Police; the Honorable Scott Carrington (former Assistant State’s Attorney for Prince George’s County), Dawn Rubin, Assistant Attorney General; Brenda Harkavy, Assistant Attorney General (former Assistant State’s Attorney for Prince George’s County); Kathleen Murphy, Director of the Criminal Division for the Office of the Attorney General; Kelly Hooper, Assistant Attorney General; Timothy Lake, Assistant Attorney General; Benjamin Harris, Assistant Attorney General; Wendy Shiff, Assistant Attorney General; Sara Smith, Paralegal; Roberta Siskind, Assistant Attorney General; the Maryland Board of Physicians; the State’s Attorney’s Office for Prince George’s County; the Maryland State Police; the Sexual Assault Response Team with the

United States Army at Fort Meade; and numerous law clerks with the Office of the Attorney General.