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| Subject: | WPD Seeks Information on Gary “Michael” or “Mike” Hill |
| Releasing Officer: | Sgt. Douglas Stephens |
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(Westerville, Ohio) – The Westerville Division of Police (WPD), in cooperation with the Delaware County Prosecutor’s Office and Delaware County Sheriff’s Office, is seeking information on Gary Michael Hill of Plain City, Ohio in an ongoing sexual abuse case involving at least five minors. Hill is most commonly known as “Michael” or “Mike.”

Investigators are releasing this information because they believe there may be more victims in Central Ohio.

A Delaware County Grand Jury returned a 14-count indictment against Hill in January 2018 that alleges a series of criminal acts from June 1, 2001 through December 30, 2017.

“There are five juvenile females we know of who are included in the current indictment,” said Delaware County Prosecutor Carol O’Brien. “Since the alleged sexual abuse spans 17 years, there is a possibility there are more victims out there.”

Hill is charged with four counts of rape (first-degree felonies, each carrying a sexually violent predator specification); kidnapping (first-degree felony); gross sexual imposition (fourth-degree felonies); menacing by stalking (fourth-degree felony); and public indecency (first-degree misdemeanor).

Hill was released from Delaware County Jail on a \$300,000 bond. Some of his alleged sex crimes occurred in Delaware County, but others included in the indictment are listed as occurring in Franklin and Fairfield Counties.

“The victims that we are aware of were all known to Hill, but there is a possibility there could be more victims in the Central Ohio area,” said O’Brien.

Anyone with information about Gary “Michael” or “Mike” Hill is asked to call the WPD Tipline at (614) 901-6866 or email tipline@westerville.org.

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