



# TARPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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Date: June 3, 2019

Time: 11:00 a.m.

The Tarpon Springs Police Department received a complaint on May 27, 2019 by an adult female who stated that she was sexually battered at 117 N. Pinellas Ave. earlier on that date. Detectives initiated an investigation which resulted in the arrest of a suspect in the incident on Monday, June 3, 2019. The suspect has been charged with two counts of sexual battery and he has been identified as Koumianos Hatzileris (W/M 07/14/47) who resides at the incident location. The suspect is a clergy member of the The Church of the Genuine Orthodox Christians of America and is a part of the Church of the Genuine Orthodox Christians of Greece, referred to as the Genuine Orthodox Church of America (GOCA) in the United States. The suspect is presently assigned to the parish of Dormition of the Theotokos, in Clearwater, and his title is Protopresbyter, according to the GOCA website. The suspect uses the name "Father George". This church IS NOT affiliated with St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Tarpon Springs, which is a member parish of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The suspect was transported to the Pinellas County Jail on this date.

The victim is not a parishioner of Dormition of the Theotokos. Detective Lara Scarpati is asking anyone with information pertaining to the suspect to please contact her at (727) 938-2849.

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