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Pleasantville man accused of molesting young girl

Sies faces 4 counts of rape, other charges after investigation

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PLEASANTVILLE -After months of investigation, detectives feel they have collected enough evidence to arrest a man who allegedly molested a young girl for at least four years.

Authorities took into custody Brian N. Sies, 43, of Pleasantville, who they allege raped one child younger than 14 several times.

Law enforcement had been waiting a long time to bring in Sies, said Det. Gary Pierce of Fairfield County Job & Family Services. He is the agency's resident detective assigned to the Children Protective Services department.

"A lot of people had suspicions going on for years, but the girl wouldn't talk," Pierce said. "Without her telling us what's going on, there's not a whole lot we could have done."

He said the child told authorities this past year that Sies had molested her.

Sies is charged with four counts of rape, all first-degree felonies; one count of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, a third-degree felony; and one count corruption of another with drugs.

He could face about 50 years in prison if convicted of all charges, Pierce said. Sies has no previous criminal record in Fairfield County, according to court documents.

The National Alert Registry reports one out of every three or four girls is sexually assaulted by the age of 18, and one in six boys will be abused by age 18. However, a great deal of cases go unreported and therefore aren't factored into those statistics, according to the registry.

Pierce said he has seen an increase in child molestation cases in Fairfield County.

"There's definitely been an increase in the last several years, mainly because we're more aware of it going on," he said. "There's more education to see the signs of it. There's more reporting going on, too, because the public is more aware of it now. It's not a big hush-hush thing it used to be in the '40s and '50s."

Sies remains in jail on a \$50,000 bond, according to jail officials.
