

## Filipino Nurse to Appear in Court July 1 - MabuhayRadio

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**C HICAGO (FAXX/jGLi)** – A Filipino nurse accused of raping a minor and infecting her with acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) is due to appear for status hearing before the Superior Court of New Jersey in Hackensack on July 1.

Roland L. Densen, 39, single, a registered nurse residing at Bergenfield, New Jersey, will be appearing before Superior Court Judge James J. Guida, according to Assistant Prosecutor Demetra A. Maurice, Assistant Chief of the Special Victims Unit of the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office in Hackensack.

Densen was employed as a nurse at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan, New York City, prior to his arrest.

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Densen, who is detained at the Bergen County Jail in lieu of a \$75,000 full bond, has been indicted of first count, second degree, sexual penetration; second count, second degree, sexual assault, sexual penetration; third count, fourth degree, intentional masturbating and/or touching his own sexual organ in front of the minor “for the purpose of degrading or humiliating the victim or to sexually arouse or gratify” himself; fourth count, third degree, for engaging in sexual conduct, which would impair or debauch the morals of a child under 16 years old; fifth count, third degree, “knowingly infecting the child with HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) or any other related virus as probably causative agent of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome commit the act of sexual penetration without the minor’s informed consent; and sixth count, third degree, causing harm to a child under 16, as “abused or neglected child.”

Densen was also ordered not to contact the victim, a 14-year-old girl, by phone, mail, personal or other means.

## **PLEADED NOT GUILTY WHEN ARRAIGNED**

When Densen was arraigned on May 22, 2012, he pleaded not guilty.

Densen was arrested at Paramus, New Jersey, on May 18, 2012, two months after the victim narrated the sexual assault to her mother, who immediately contacted the Bergenfield police under Chief Michael Monaghan and the Bergen County Prosecutors Special Victim's Unit under Steven Cucciniello.

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According to court records, Densen allegedly sexually assaulted the girl identified only as K.D. between March 1, 2012, and March 31, 2012, while K.D. “was at least 13 years old but less than 16 years old while defendant Densen was four years older than K.D.” He was accused of engaging in oral and anal sex with K.D. in violation of New Jersey law as a second-degree crime, impairing and debauching the morals of a 14 year-old child.

Densen was initially charged with one count of sexual assault, second degree crime; one count of endangering the welfare of a child, third degree; and one count of diseased person committing an act of sexual penetration, third degree crime.

A press release provided this reporter by Executive Assistant Prosecutor Frank Puccio quoted Prosecutor John L. Molinelli as saying that the charges against Densen “are merely accusations and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.” This reporter obtained records of this case thru a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

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Densen's defense lawyer, Marc Sapin, refused to comment when reached by phone by this reporter. ( [lariosa\\_jos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lariosa_jos@sbcglobal.net) )

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