

## Report: Teen in William O'Connell sex case says developer gave her money

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QUINCY — The girl allegedly raped by prominent Quincy developer William O'Connell told police she had sex with several other people at his direction, according to a published report. The report, in the current issue of Boston magazine, includes information purported to be contained in a police affidavit based on an interview with the girl.

The Patriot Ledger has tried unsuccessfully for several months to gain access to an impounded affidavit police filed in court to get a search warrant for O'Connell's condominium at Marina Bay in Quincy. That effort has been opposed by a special prosecutor appointed by the district attorney and by O'Connell's lawyer. Both appealed a district court judge's order to lift the impoundment and release the affidavit with redactions to protect the girl from being identified. The Ledger will take the matter to the full state Supreme Judicial Court in November.

The magazine article contains several as-yet unreported statements that the girl, who was 14 and 15 years old during her alleged encounters with O'Connell in 2009 and 2010, made to police. They include:

- After each encounter in his Marina Bay condominium, O'Connell gave the girl \$70 to \$230 because he "wanted to take care of her."
- O'Connell let her use his credit cards for online shopping, and she spent as much as \$1,500 each time, which she did not consider compensation for sex.
- O'Connell took her to restaurants in Marina Bay and welcomed her to stay at his condo whenever she wanted.

O'Connell was charged in district court with paying for sex, but that charge was not brought up before the grand jury that in August indicted O'Connell and a co-conspirator, Phyllis Capuano, on aggravated statutory rape and other charges. Capuano allegedly introduced the girl to O'Connell in 2009 and participated in one sexual encounter involving him and the girl.

Prosecutor Andrew Berman and O'Connell attorney Stephen Delinsky both had no comment on the accuracy of the Boston magazine report. Both said they were not the source of information in the magazine article.

Delinsky reiterated his position that allegations the alleged victim has made to police are "completely false."

"If the victim testifies to this, she'll be exposed as an absolute liar," he said.

He added that "somebody committed a crime by leaking confidential police reports" and that he plans to request a court investigation into how some of the allegations contained in the magazine article came to light.

Delinsky and Berman declined to say whether the new details in the magazine article originated from the search warrant affidavit that is at issue in The Ledger's ongoing court case.

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