



Justice Center for the Protection of People With Special Needs

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Brooklyn Man Charged with Abusing Child in His Care

Case investigated and prosecuted by the Justice Center

New York, NY – NYS Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs Special Prosecutor Patricia E. Gunning announced that an employee of ACS Children's Center was arrested and arraigned in Manhattan Criminal Court on charges he abused a child in his care.

“The case was brought to the Justice Center’s attention by other staff who witnessed the abuse,” said Special Prosecutor Gunning. “Without vigilant workers who recognize abuse and call incidents into the hotline, as happened here, those who abuse children in the care of state or city services might go unchecked. We are appreciative of those who stepped up and reported this incident.”

Carl Hosannah (DOB: 12/13/1959) of Brooklyn was charged with:

- Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a Class “A” misdemeanor; and
- Harassment in the Second Degree, a violation.

The charges stem from an incident in June in which Hosannah allegedly struck the child in the face at a Brooklyn facility where the child was living. The facility is operated by the New York City Administration for Children’s Services under the authority of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).

The defendant was arraigned before the Honorable Eugene Guarino of Manhattan Criminal Court, released on his own recognizance, and scheduled to reappear in court October 19. Hosannah, employed as a Congregate Care Specialist, was reassigned. The case is being prosecuted by Justice Center Assistant Special Prosecutor Edwin Ferguson.

About the Justice Center

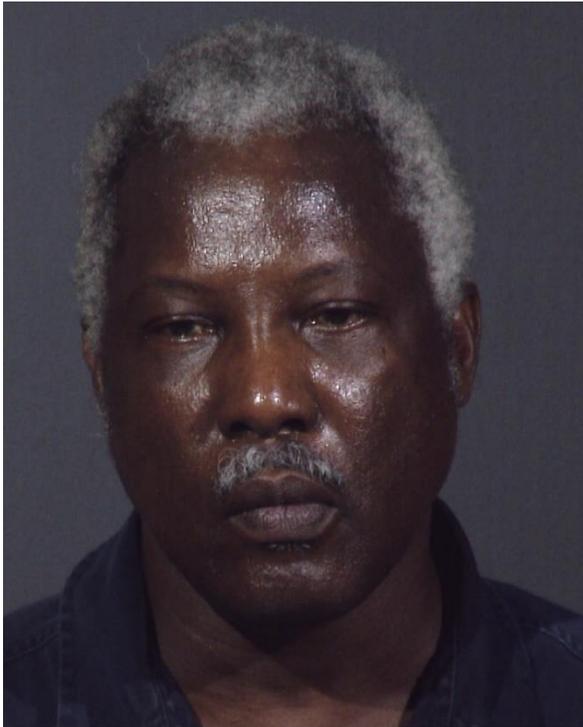
The Justice Center began operations on June 30, 2013. It operates a toll-free hotline that receives reports of allegations of abuse, neglect and significant incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Anyone who witnesses or suspects the abuse or neglect of a person with special needs can make a report. Mandated reporters who have reasonable cause to suspect that a reportable incident has occurred by staff must report it to the Justice Center immediately upon discovery. The Justice Center is not a first responder so if a report involves an emergency situation, the caller is instructed to hang up and dial 9-1-1.

The Justice Center is authorized to investigate all reports of abuse and neglect, pursue administrative sanctions against staff found responsible for misconduct and its Special Prosecutor/Inspector General shares jurisdiction with local district attorneys to prosecute criminal offense allegations. The Justice Center notifies local district attorneys of all potential criminal cases.

Justice Center Individual and Family Support advocates provide guidance and information to victims, their families, personal representatives and guardians about the reporting and investigation process, offer support during criminal court proceedings and are available to accompany victims during interviews and court appearances.

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Editor's note: In compliance with Rule 3.6(b)(6) of the Rules of Professional Conduct, you are advised that a charge is an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.



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