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PRESS RELEASE

On May 23, 2014, Police were contacted regarding a reported sexual abuse incident that occurred at a village residence early in 2014.

Following an investigation, Police arrested **Faustino Mata Hernandez**, 49, recently residing on Adams Street, Whitehall, and charged him with the following on May 24, 2014:

- **Sexual Abuse – 2nd Degree** – Class A Misdemeanor – 2 Counts
- **Endangering the Welfare of a Child** – Class A Misdemeanor – 2 Counts

Mata Hernandez is reported to have engaged in sexual contact with two separate youths under the age of fourteen years old.

Mata Hernandez was arraigned in Whitehall Village Court and remanded to the Washington County Correctional Facility for a lack of \$15,000 cash / \$30,000 bond. Mata Hernandez is also being held on a immigration detainer from the Department of Homeland Security.

The case was handled by Patrolmen Richard Rizzo and Randolph Bevins, with assistance from Washington County Sheriff's Office Senior Investigator Bruce Hamilton and Investigator Kristen Hardy.



WPD Arrest Photo



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