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## Press Release

### Accused Milton Academy Teacher Returned from Thailand for Arraignment

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A former Milton Academy faculty member has been brought back from Thailand by federal authorities to face indictments in Norfolk Superior Court.

Reynold Buono, age 72, was indicted on November 6, 2017 on three counts of rape of a child and three counts of rape of a child with force. Those indictments were under seal while the defendant was not in custody. All of the present charges involve alleged conduct years ago with a single victim, who was a student at the time.

Buono left the school in 1987 and had been living in Southeast Asia for a number of years.

Additional detail on the matter is likely to be part of the arraignment proceedings in Norfolk Superior Court on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 2 p.m.

Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey praised the cooperation between Milton Police, State Police and federal authorities including the U.S. Marshall Service, the U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service's Overseas Criminal Investigations Office and Homeland Security Investigations.

"It is our understanding that the Department of State's Criminal Investigations Office in Thailand coordinated with the Royal Thai Police, who located Rey Buono," District Attorney Morrissey said. "We owe our partners in federal law enforcement – and in Thailand – substantial thanks for their diligence and perseverance."

"This has been a very involved process and we are relieved to have these charges now ready to be brought forward for arraignment in the Norfolk Superior Court," District Attorney Morrissey said. Buono has just arrived at the Milton Police Station where he is expected to be overnight and brought to Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham for his 2 p.m. arraignment.

The matter will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Lisa Beatty.

#### **UPDATE AS OF JUNE 27, 2018:**

The defendant pled not guilty to the six indictments at his Norfolk Superior Court arraignment.

Defense opted to postpone bail argument in the matter until the next court date, July 18, 2018, at 2 p.m.

At the request of Assistant District Attorney Lisa Beatty, Judge Thomas Connors ordered the defendant held without bail (without prejudice) until the July 18 bail hearing.

*All criminal defendants enjoy the Constitutional presumption of innocence unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.*