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Press Release

Not guilty plea, \$5,000 cash bail In Randolph sexual assault case

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A Nigerian man, currently residing in Boston, has pled not guilty to 3 counts of Aggravated Assault and Battery on a Child Under Age 14 in Quincy District Court this afternoon, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Assistant District Attorney Rita Muse asked the Court to hold Christian I. Ohazulume, 50, of 8 School Street, Boston, on \$15,000 cash bail. Additionally, should he make bail, ADA Muse requested that he not be allowed to travel outside Massachusetts, that he provide verification to the Probation Department of his residential and any work address, that he have no unsupervised contact with any minors, have no work or volunteer work with any minors, that he stay away from and have no contact with the victim or her family, and be subject to GPS monitoring if released.

The Court imposed \$5,000 cash bail with all of the conditions requested.

The Randolph (Mass.) Police Department brought the charges following a 1-week investigation, assisted by the Norfolk District Attorney's Special Victims Unit, of allegations communicated to law enforcement by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, where Ohazulume had been serving as an "extern priest" according to a press statement released by the Archdiocese earlier today concerning the defendant's removal from ministry. Please note that the Archdiocese acceded to a law enforcement request to hold that press release for several days for investigative reasons.

The charged conduct is alleged to have occurred in Randolph 2007. Ohazulume was represented at arraignment by defense Attorney Bethany Rogers.

He is due to return to court November 13, 2018 for a probable cause hearing.

Details of the alleged sexual assault are not being released.