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Medford Pastor Pleads Guilty to Sexual Assault of Minors

Burlington County Prosecutor Scott Coffina announced that a 74-year-old Medford Township pastor acknowledged today in Superior Court that he sexually assaulted five juveniles over a multi-year period ending in 2015.

Harry L. Thomas, of Queens Lane, pled guilty to five counts of Sexual Assault (one First Degree, four Second Degree) before the Hon. Jeanne T. Covert, P.J.Cr.

Under an agreement with the Prosecutor's Office, Thomas will be sentenced to up to 20 years in state prison for the crimes, with no parole eligibility. Judge Covert scheduled sentencing for June 22.

Thomas was the pastor of Come Alive Church in Medford Township at the time of his arrest. The investigation revealed that the assaults occurred in Medford Township between 1999 and 2015. Information about the victims is being withheld in an attempt to protect their identities.

The case was investigated by the Medford Township Police Department and the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office. Medford Township Police Detective William Knecht and BCPO Detective Jack Bowker were the lead investigators.

Assistant Prosecutor Stephen Eife, supervisor of the BCPO Sexual Assault/Child Abuse Unit, is prosecuting the case.

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