

Criminal Law

Hasidic Musician suspected in the rape of girl age 8

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Adam Wexler, a 48 year old American citizen from Moshav Bat-Ayin in Gush Etzion, was charged with 3 counts of rape, deprived acts and forced deprived acts perpetrated apparently on a female neighbor about 9 years ago.

The prosecution: He has confessed to most of the charges.

The district court in Jerusalem presented (Thursday, 23 December 04) a written indictment against Adam Wexler, member of the Hasidic band "Quarter to Seven" (Reva l'Sheva), who is accused of 3 counts of rape, deprived acts and forced deprived acts that he apparently committed against his female neighbor, an 8 year old girl, 9 years ago. The court will decide today on the prosecution's request to detain Wexler until the conclusion of the proceedings against him.

Wexler, 48 year old American citizen from Moshav Bat-Ayin in Gush Etzion, was indicted for acts committed during years 94-95, according to the complainant who is now 17 1Æ2 .

"He dragged her to the storage shed"

In the indictment presented by lawyer Tal Wiseman ben Shachar from the Jerusalem area prosecutors office, it is charged that during that time period the complainant used to go with her friend twice a week for ballet lessons. One of these times, after she left her friend

and sought to go up to her house, Wexler blocked her way and prevented her from entering her home. He grabbed her by the waist, and dragged her in the direction of the storage shed of the building and locked the door.

According to the complainant, Wexler forced her down onto a mattress in the storage room, fondled her legs and vagina and did oral sex to her and other depraved acts. After a few minutes, he dressed her and allowed her to leave the storage room. The prosecutor charges that the above mentioned event occurred 2-3 times a week during a several month period. On one of these occasions, he also inserted his finger into her vagina hurting her.

"He inserted his finger and caused me to bleed"

These acts, according to the indictment, continued for an additional year, until the end of '96, at a frequency of between once a week to once in two weeks, during which on three separate occasions Wexler also penetrated her vagina with his finger, causing her to bleed.

On another occasion, it is charged, the mother of the complainant sent her to Wexler's house to pick something up, Wexler opened the door, put her in one of the rooms of his house, and she managed to escape but he overpowered her and returned her to the room. When she started to cry he apologized to her and started fondling her thighs, until Wexler's daughter entered the home, at which time he released the girl.

In the request of the prosecution for detention until the conclusion of the proceedings the prosecutor maintains that Wexler confessed to most of the acts attributed to him. According to the request, he is a "...danger to public safety – to the safety of the complainant particularly and to the safety of children in general". On the other hand, since he often has to travel outside the country because of his livelihood, there is a danger that a decision not to detain him until the end of the proceedings or release him without sever restrictions and conditions, will make it easy for him to escape justice.

Adam Wexler got a 4 year sentence last month

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