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Police: man sexually abused girl at mall

GLEN BURNIE — A Brooklyn man was charged with several sex offenses Saturday after witnesses said he sexually abused a 6-year-old girl in the back seat of a truck outside Marley Station mall, county police said.

Officers were called to the mall at 7900 Ritchie Highway to investigate reports of a man abusing a child. The witnesses told police they saw a man escort a young girl into a truck. They said the child crouched down in the back seat while the man would lift his head up and look around.

Police later found the man and child in the mall and interviewed them. The girl told officers she had been sexually abused by the man, police said. The man also confessed to abusing the child at the mall and on two other occasions throughout the Glen Burnie area, police said. The man is not related to the girl, but had permission to care for her, police said.

Michael Phillip Hein Sr., 61, of Ritchie Highway, was charged with second-degree



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child abuse, two counts sexual abuse with a minor, fourth-degree sex offense, and second-degree assault. He is being held at Jennifer Road Detention Center in Parole on \$2 million bail.

Anyone with information about his incident or other incidents involving Mr. Hein is asked to call Det. Dan Long at 410-222-3479.

Teen attacks deputy after sentencing

ANNAPOLIS — A county sheriff's deputy was attacked Monday while attempting to handcuff a teenager inside the county's Circuit courthouse in Annapolis.

Deputy Barry Walters received minor cuts to his face, but was treated at the scene and returned to work.

Deputy Harry Neisser, spokesman for the Sheriff's Department, said Circuit Court Judge Pamela L. North had ordered the 15-year-old Hanover boy to go to Cheltenham Youth Facility. He said Deputy Walters attempted to cuff him, but the boy turned around and attack him.

"He resisted completely and after awhile swung at the deputy," Deputy Neisser said.

The teen was not injured. He was handcuffed and taken to Cheltenham without further problems.

Additional charges are pending against the teen, Deputy Neisser said.