

# 61-year-old man charged with repeatedly raping girls

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ST. PAUL, Minn. - A 61-year-old Maplewood man is charged with first degree criminal sexual assault for allegedly raping two sisters for nearly a decade.

Prosecutors say the defendant, Jacoby Kindred, was a grandfather of sorts to the victims and allegedly began molesting when they were six and seven years old. Police were alerted to the case when a relative found a note that one of the girls had written describing the abuse at the hands of Kindred.

The victims, now ages 16 and 14, told investigators that the sexual molestation took place during sleepovers at Kindred's house, and involved fondling, oral stimulation and penetration. They said the defendant told them that the "devil was inside them" and that the sexual activity would remove the demons. The girls told detectives that the abuse occurred repeatedly for approximately nine years.

When police questioned Kindred he told them he was a minister for One Accord Ministries, a church without a building. He agreed that as the father of the boyfriend of the children's mother, they would stay overnight at his home, but he denied the allegations of abuse. He claimed the girls' mother made up the allegations because her new boyfriend doesn't like him. Eventually he ended the interview, saying that police had no dna and that "you weren't there, nobody was there."

If found guilty, Jacoby Kindred could face 30 years in prison on each count.

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