

# Ex-CAS worker faces 26 new sex charges

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A former Metro Toronto Children's Aid Society Worker, charged before Christmas with sexually assaulting a 12-year-old Oshawa boy, faces 26 new sex-related counts following allegations by six more complaints.

And a North York man who Durham Region police say was a friend of the youth workers faces sexual assault charges against two Oshawa boys, one a 6-year-old and the other a 13-year-old who was just 6 when the alleged offence occurred.

The youth worker was arrested and charged with the 26 offences yesterday by detectives from the force's sexual assault squad, minutes after he appeared on court on the original charges laid Dec. 11.

They have told investigators that they were befriended by a man between 1990 and December last year and that the assaults took place at an Oshawa residence and at an secluded pond near Uxbridge.

The Original charges – one of sexual assault, one of making child pornography and one of possession of child pornography – related to a 12-year-old boy who said he was introduced to a man through a family friend last August, police said.

Gary Brian Sharrard of Cambridge Court in Oshawa faces seven counts of sexual assault; seven of sexual interference; five of invitation to sexual touching; one of exposing genitals to a person under 14 years old; one of possession of child pornography, and six of exposure to a person under 14.

Charged with two counts of sexual assault is Marlin Roy 41, of Prue Ave., North York.