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FOSTER PARENT CHARGED WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT

Investigators in the York Regional Police Child Abuse Unit have charged a 62-year-old foster parent after one of the children in his care was sexually assaulted.

Child Abuse Unit detectives, in partnership with the Children's Aid Society, began investigating after the incident was reported to police on June 19, 2006. The victim is a female under the age of 14.

The accused has been a foster parent in York Region since 2000. He also volunteers as a driver for CAS functions.

CHARGED:

- Alan **BLACKBURN**, 62 years, of Markham.

CHARGES:

- Sexual Assault
- Sexual Interference

The accused will appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Newmarket court on June 24, 2006.

Investigators are concerned there could potentially be other victims. Anyone with information or concerns regarding this accused is asked to contact the York Regional Police Child Abuse Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7075, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222TIPS.ca.

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