



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **PATERSON TEACHER CHARGED WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT AND ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD**

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces the arrest of Paul Yang, 32, of Leonia, New Jersey. Mr. Yang was arrested on December 3, 2025, after an investigation conducted by the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit.

On October 22, 2025, the Institutional Abuse Investigation Unit of the Division of Child Protection and Permanency advised PCPO Special Victims Unit Detectives that a 9-year-old female student at Paterson Public School No. 25 had disclosed that an incident of abuse took place inside a classroom during the school day. The investigation led to Mr. Yang being charged with one count of Sexual Assault, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:14-2b and one count of second degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:24-4a(1).

The sentencing exposure is five to ten years in New Jersey State Prison on second degree Sexual Assault and five to ten years in New Jersey State Prison on second degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child. On December 4, 2025, Mr. Yang appeared for Central Judicial Processing Court and the State filed a Motion for Pretrial Detention. That Motion will be scheduled and heard before a Superior Court Judge.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite the accusation, defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, in a court of law.

Any inquiries regarding Mr. Yang's employment status may be directed to the Paterson Board of Education. An inquiries regarding the status of the criminal charges may be directed to Passaic County Senior Assistant Prosecutor Jessica Petrella at [jpetrella@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:jpetrella@passaiccountynj.org) or 973-247-3330.



Paul Yang