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MASSAGE THERAPIST ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AND MULTIPLE COUNTS OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONTACT

MONTGOMERY, N.J. – Somerset County Prosecutor John P. McDonald, Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Chief of County Detectives Meredith McKay, and Montgomery Township Chief of Police Silvio Bet announced the arrest of Riyas Abdulkhaderkunju, age 44, of Plainsboro, New Jersey in relation to a sexual assault and multiple criminal sexual contacts that occurred in Montgomery Township.

Prosecutor McDonald stated that on Friday, June 26, 2026, at approximately 7:12 p.m., Montgomery Township Police responded to a 9-1-1 call at a massage therapy establishment located on US 206 in Skillman regarding a sexual assault that had just occurred. The female victim reported she had been sexually assaulted by a massage therapist, identified as Riyas Abdulkhaderkunju, while obtaining a massage. The victim was interviewed by detectives from the Montgomery Township Police Department.

Upon further investigation, four additional victims were identified and interviewed by detectives from the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit and Montgomery Township Police Department. The additional victims also reported being sexually assaulted by Riyas Abdulkhaderkunju while receiving massages at the massage therapy establishment. As a result of the investigation, Riyas Abdulkhaderkunju was arrested on Thursday, September 24, 2026, in Plainsboro, and charged with one (1) count of 2nd degree Sexual Assault and five (5) counts of 4th degree Criminal Sexual Contact. Defendant Abdulkhaderkunju was processed on these charges and transported to the Somerset County Jail pending a detention hearing. Defendant Abdulkhaderkunju has since been released from the Somerset County Jail. As a condition of his release, Defendant Abdulkhaderkunju is prohibited from having any contact with the victims.

Prosecutor McDonald would like to thank the Plainsboro Police Department for their assistance in this investigation.

Prosecutor McDonald, Chief McKay, and Chief Bet request anyone with information relating to this investigation to contact the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit at (908) 231-7100 or the Montgomery Police Department at (908) 359-3222 or via OPS Tips. OPS Tips allows citizens to enter **SCPO.TIPS** as the URL into the address bar of any internet enabled device to provide anonymous reports including videos and photos. Information can also be provided through the Somerset County Tip Line at 1-888-577-TIPS (8477). All tips will be kept confidential.

Note: *The charges are merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.*

