

Rochelle Park physical therapist molested female patient under the guise of treatment, cops say

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ROCHELLE PARK, N.J. - A Rochelle Park man who works as a physical therapist assistant was arrested on Wednesday and charged with sexually assaulting one of his female patients.

Jonathan "Jon" Pallouras, 39, of Rochelle Park, was arrested as a result of an investigation conducted by members of the Rochelle Park Police Department, under the direction of Chief Richard Zavinsky, with assistance from the county sex crimes unit.

On Wednesday, June 2, law enforcement officers arrested Pallouras at Progressive Sports Rehabilitation, 194 Route 17 North in Rochelle Park, after reportedly learning that he engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with an adult female patient he was treating at the clinic.

According to authorities, their investigation revealed that Pallouras had sexually assaulted the victim on at least four occasions over a four-month period, by telling the victim it was part of her rehabilitation process.

According to the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, Pallouras is a licensed physical therapist assistant. The Division of Consumer Affairs State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners was notified of his arrest.

Pallouras was charged with one count of sexual assault in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2c(1)(a 2nd-degree crime) and one count of criminal sexual contact in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-3(b) (a 3rd-degree crime).

Bail was set by Judge Donald Venezia at \$50,000.00 dollars with no 10% cash option, and no contact with the victim. Pallouras was thereafter remanded to the Bergen County Jail in lieu of bail.