

Ex-wife's alleged false statements lead to her arrest

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A city woman was arraigned Tuesday for allegedly giving a false statement to police about her ex-husband's conduct with the couple's 5-year-old child, sparking a six-month investigation that ultimately led to her arrest.

Jennifer Pastore, 39, of 4 Fullmar Lane, turned herself in on a warrant Tuesday for making a false statement, falsely reporting an incident in the first-degree, tampering with or fabricating evidence and risk of injury/impairing the morals of a minor. She is free on \$20,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in court Jan. 14.

In May, Pastore made a statement to police, claiming that her ex-husband had acted in an inappropriate sexual manner around the couple's child, police said. Pastore alleged that her child had told her that her ex-husband had exhibited his private parts to the child on multiple occasions.

Pastore's ex-husband denied the allegations and told police that he only thinks about his child's happiness and well being. He said, although the couple broke up three years ago, he still pays her rent and takes care of various other expenses for her. He was also paying his ex-wife's car lease, but he had it towed away once she filed the allegations, police said.

During an interview with a counselor, the child said the father played a game in which he "showed his butt" and sometimes his penis, according to the affidavit. Pastore came to police headquarters and gave investigators pictures that her child had supposedly drawn, according to the affidavit. One of the pictures showed the child's father giving his male friend oral sex while the child was watching from inside of a closet, the affidavit said.

The child later told a counselor that Pastore had coaxed the child into making statements and coached the child about what to tell investigators, according to the affidavit. The child also said that Pastore had drawn the pictures that were submitted to police, the affidavit said.

After interviewing multiple witnesses and the 5-year-old's counselors, police determined that Pastore's prior statement was false and applied for an arrest warrant.

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