

New accusation of police wrongdoing in Weinstein case

By **MICHAEL R. SISA**
AND TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The sexual assault case against Harvey Weinstein was roiled Wednesday for the second time in a week by what New York City prosecutors said was a police detective's improper conduct.

Det. Nicholas DiGaudio, whose alleged witness coaching prompted the dismissal of part of the case last week, is now accused of urging one of Weinstein's accusers to delete material from her cellphones before she handed them over to prosecutors.

The Manhattan district attorney's office detailed the alleged misconduct in a letter to Weinstein's lawyer that was made public Wednesday. The new allegations involve the detective's interactions with an unidentified woman who says Weinstein raped her in his Manhattan hotel room in 2013.

Weinstein's lawyer, Benjamin Brafman, pounced on the revelation, saying it "even further undermines the integrity of this already deeply flawed indictment of Mr. Weinstein."

In her letter, Assistant District Attorney Joan Illuzzi-Orbon said that during the investigation, prosecutors asked the woman to hand in any mobile phones she might have used during

the time when she interacted with Weinstein.

The woman was willing to do so, Illuzzi-Orbon wrote, but was worried that the phones contained, "in addition to communications with the defendant, data of a personal nature that she regarded as private."

She asked DiGaudio what to do. He advised her to delete anything she didn't want anyone else to see before handing over the phone, the prosecutors said.

"We just won't tell Joan," DiGaudio allegedly said.

Illuzzi-Orbon said the woman didn't delete any information and instead asked a lawyer for advice. The phones were turned over "without any deletions" Illuzzi-Orbon wrote.

The lawyer hired by the woman contacted the district attorney's office about the detective's conduct on Oct. 10.

Weinstein was initially charged in New York with attacking three women. The part of the case involving one of those alleged victims, Lucia Evans, was dismissed last week after prosecutors said that DiGaudio had advised a witness to keep quiet about doubts whether Evans' alleged sexual encounter with Weinstein was consensual.

DiGaudio's union defended his conduct.

"A woman should not have to surrender confiden-

tial intimate information that's immaterial to the case to defend herself against a sexual predator. That's being victimized twice. Detective DeGaudio was sensitive to that," Detectives' Endowment Association President Michael Palladino said in a statement. "This appears to be just another smear campaign against Detective DeGaudio to cover up the Manhattan DA's own incompetence."

Three of the five remaining criminal charges against Weinstein stem from the alleged rape. Two other charges allege he performed a forcible sex act on a different woman in 2006.

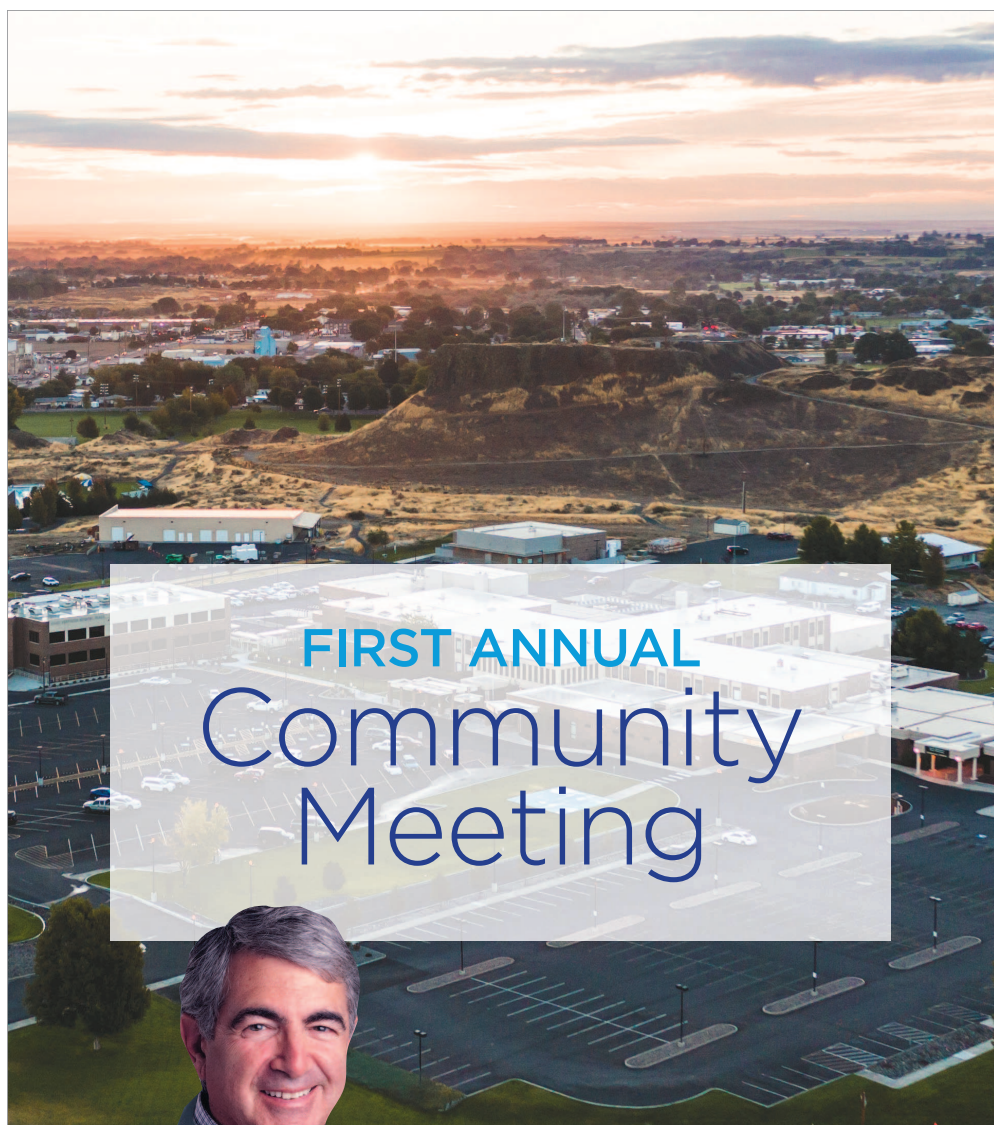
Weinstein denies all allegations of nonconsensual sex.

NYPD Deputy Commissioner Phil Walzak said: "The evidence against Mr. Weinstein is compelling and strong. The NYPD will continue its work with the prosecution to deliver justice for the courageous survivors who have bravely come forward."

DiGaudio was one of two investigators who escorted Weinstein out of a police station and into court after his May arrest. Before that, he and other police officials poured on the pressure for prosecutors to bring charges, saying publicly that they believed they had gathered ample evidence to make an arrest.



In this May 25, 2018 file photo, NYPD Detective Nicholas DiGaudio, right, escorts Harvey Weinstein into court in New York.



With special guest speaker, Joe Piscatella, author of 16 best-selling books, host of three PBS television specials, a "guest expert" on WebMD, and a member of the NIH Expert Panel on Cardiac Rehabilitation.

Good Shepherd Health Care System cordially invites you to our 1st Annual Community Meeting and Health Fair. Join us for an evening of fun, food, raffle prizes, and most importantly, learn about the positive impact GSHCS is having on the communities they serve.

Wednesday, October 24, 2018
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm


Hermiston Community Center
415 S. Hwy 395
Hermiston, OR 97838

RSVP 541.667.3509
Or register on Eventbrite at <https://gshcsevent.eventbrite.com>



William F. Bell, M.D.

TAKING NEW PATIENTS



Orthopedics Clinic
3001 St. Anthony Way
Suite #125
Pendleton, OR 97801
541-966-0535
www.sahpendleton.org

EDUCATION:
Northwestern University School of Medicine

BOARD CERTIFICATION:
Board Certified, American Board of Orthopedics

INSURANCE ACCEPTED:
Most major insurances, Medicare, Medicaid

SPECIAL SERVICES:
Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

CHI St. Anthony Hospital
Imagine better health.™

St. Anthony Clinic
3001 St. Anthony Way
Pendleton, Oregon
www.sahpendleton.org

EAST OREGONIAN **Hermiston Herald**

Celebrate your loved ones in our VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE

Honoring those who have served and those who are currently serving our country!

They've served our country with courage and honor. They've left behind loved ones to risk their lives while protecting our country. They've defended our freedoms and ideals. They make us proud to be Americans. Help us honor them.

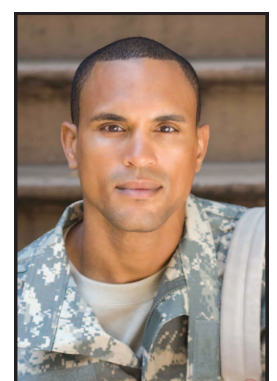


Free Example:
Staff Sergeant Joel Davis
US Marines
Veteran

This special section will print in the Hermiston Herald on Nov. 7, 2018 and in the East Oregonian on Nov. 10, 2018. There is **NO CHARGE** to be included. Bring us or send in photos of servicemen, servicewomen or veterans, along with the information in the form to the right, by **November 1, 2018**.

For more information, call 1-800-962-2819

2x3 EXAMPLE




We are so proud of you for serving your country.

Love Evelyn, Joe and Cheryl

JOSEPH B. DAVIS

1x4 EXAMPLE



JOSEPH SMITH

Thank you for your service!

Love always Marcy, Julie & Emily

If you'd like to purchase a larger space to include a special message, border, flags, or stars and stripes, rates are \$40 for a 1x4" space or \$60 for a 2x3" space. Private party only. Please call 1-800-962-2819.

Service Person's Name _____
Military Branch _____ Military Rank _____ Currently Serving Veteran (Check One)
Your Name _____ Deliver to:
Your Address _____ **East Oregonian**
Your Phone Number _____ 211 SE Byers Ave. • Pendleton, OR
or e-mail to classifieds@eastoregonian.com