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# Man named in sex charges

ELLENSBURG — A former director of a Kittitas County dependent boys' home has been charged with making sexual advances to boys who lived at the home.

A warrant for the arrest of Warren Connolly, 60, 19229 Meridian Ave. North, Seattle, was filed Wednesday with the Kittitas County Superior Court.

According to court documents, Connolly, former director of the Boys' Village Association, a nonprofit organization which ran a boys' home located east of Ellensburg, has been charged with third degree rape and five counts of indecent liberties.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney David Gorrie said third degree rape was considered statutory rape.

Gorrie said he was notified in December by a Department of Social and Health Services official of complaints from the home of alleged sexual advances made to the boys.

He said the Kittitas County prosecuting attorney's office conducted an investigation into the complaints.

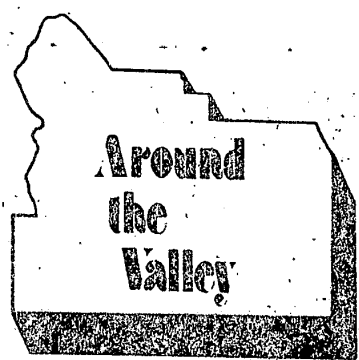
Gorrie said the home was closed following the investigation.

Connolly was charged with indecent liberties that allegedly occurred between September 1976 and November 1977, in February 1976, in October 1977, and two incidents in July 1977.

Gorrie said all six charges are felonies and that statutory rape is punishable by not more than 10 years in jail or \$10,000 or both.

Each count of indecent liberties is punishable by not more than five years in jail or \$5,000 or both, he said.

Connolly was released on his personal recognizance. He is scheduled for arraignment on May 30 at 9:30 a.m. in Kittitas County Superior Court.



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