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## FORMER FRANKLIN PRIEST INDICTED ON ADDITIONAL SEXUAL BATTERY CHARGES

**FRANKLIN, Tenn. (June 14, 2024)** – On June 5, a Grand Jury in Williamson County returned a superseding indictment, charging Father Juan Carlos Garcia-Mendoza, 31, of Franklin, with two additional counts of sexual battery.

Last February, Garcia-Mendoza was indicted for the offenses of continuous abuse of a child, aggravated sexual battery, sexual battery by an authority figure (four Counts), and sexual battery (two counts).

Garcia continues to be held in the Williamson County Jail on a \$2 million bond. The former priest worked at St. Philip Catholic Church in Franklin.

The Franklin Police Department is asking for individuals with information regarding Garcia-Mendoza to contact Detective Andrea Clark at [andrea.clark@franklintn.gov](mailto:andrea.clark@franklintn.gov), or 615-550-6829.

The case is being prosecuted by the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Office of the District Attorney General. For additional information on victim resources, please visit [www.tennesseeda.org/district-21/](http://www.tennesseeda.org/district-21/)

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