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**Former Parmadale worker indicted, back in jail**

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Cleveland – Former Parmadale Institute employee Cassandra Goodson is back in custody after violating the terms of her bond and being indicted by a Grand Jury for having repeated, illegal sexual encounters with a minor child she met at the residential treatment center, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Timothy J. McGinty announced this morning.

Goodson was re-arrested late Friday because she contacted the minor victim after her release on bond from Cuyahoga County Jail earlier this week. In setting a \$100,000 bond for Goodson, Common Pleas Court Judge David Matia had ordered Goodson not to have any contact with the victim.

After learning that Goodson had violated the judge's order, the Prosecutor's Office requested an arrest warrant that was then executed by the Sheriff's Office. Deputies arrested Goodson at her home, Cuyahoga County Sheriff Frank Bova said. She will be arraigned in Common Pleas Court next week.

A Cuyahoga County Grand Jury Thursday indicted Goodson, 34, of Shaker Heights, on 12 counts of Sexual Battery, 15 counts of Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor and two counts of Interference with Custody. The last two counts are misdemeanors, but all the others are third-degree felonies.

The State of Ohio charges that in February of this year, Goodson began having illicit sexual contact with a girl who was then 13. This conduct took place at Parmadale, at a motel in North Randall and, as recently as December 5, at Goodson's home. By then,

Goodson had been fired from her job as a shift coordinator at Parmadale and the minor had been removed from the treatment center as well.

“This is a case of an adult in a position of authority preying upon a very vulnerable child,” said Assistant County Prosecutor Anna Faraglia.

Cuyahoga County Sheriff’s deputies first arrested Goodson on December 6. She was released from jail on December 17 after posting a \$100,000 bond and being ordered to have no contact with the victim.

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