

Valparaiso caregiver faces more molestation allegations

Police are investigating whether Michael Ritchie, the caregiver charged with sexually assaulting a mentally disabled man at a Valparaiso group home, also committed similar crimes at a Crown Point group home.

After The Times printed an article Thursday about Ritchie being charged with engaging in sex acts with a 20-year-old man with Down syndrome at an InPact Inc. home in Valparaiso, a Hobart woman reported to Lake and Porter County police she believes Ritchie molested her mentally challenged 13-year-old son at an InPact group home in Crown Point.

Porter County police Maj. Steve Lawrence said that in addition to the Hobart woman's new allegation, police received one other call of a potential victim. - **BY KEN KOSKY, THE TIMES**