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Victim preparing to testify at Jerry Sandusky hearing, attorney says

Victim One has been notified by police that he most likely will have to testify at a preliminary hearing scheduled for mid December in the Jerry Sandusky sex-abuse case.

One of the newly hired Philadelphia-area attorneys now representing the 17-year-old boy -- who was the first to come forward and the last of eight chronological victims outlined in a grand jury presentment against former Penn State assistant football coach Sandusky -- says one of the first tasks as the boy's attorney is making sure that testimony goes as smoothly as possible.

"First and foremost, we have been around the clock, literally, deflecting attention away," said Michael Boni. Boni and Slade H. McLaughlin were hired Monday by Victim One's family.

"We've asked the press to leave them alone and for the most part they've complied and we're deflecting attention away and placing it on our shoulders."

The Clinton County family has been inundated by the press and by gawkers since Sandusky's arrest Nov. 5, Boni said.

Door-knocking, phone ringing was non-stop. They found notes inside their car, he said.

"They don't know how those notes got there," Boni said. "They're taking a breather and living a semblance of their normal lives now. ... It's exhausting, physically and emotionally."

Boni and McLaughlin may start working with an investigator to gather facts on the case and decide how to move forward with their representation. Civil suits are expected, but the extent isn't clear.

[Shanin Specter](#), a well-known Philadelphia civil attorney, told The Patriot-News Monday that any good civil attorney would be launching an investigation before filing a suit.

But moving forward with the criminal case is more imminent. And, Boni said a state police corporal told Victim One that Sandusky's attorney, Joe Amendola, does not plan to waive the hearing.

Amendola confirmed that Tuesday morning, saying, "We're defending against the charges."