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Questioning of Suspect in Girl's Abduction Placed on Hold By David Chang

NBC10 has learned that Philadelphia police have stopped questioning the only person charged with the kidnapping and sexual assault of a young girl in Cobbs Creek. The reason? A grand jury investigation. NBC10's Rosemary Connors has the details.

No Questioning for Abduction Suspect

Nearly two months since a 5-year-old girl was abducted and sexually assaulted, Philadelphia Police say they are currently unable to question the only person arrested so far in the case. Christina Regusters, 19, is the only suspect who's been identified in the abduction and attack of the young victim from Cobbs Creek, who was snatched from her school by a woman dressed in Muslim garb. While Regusters is currently in custody and being held on \$4 million bail, Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey says further questioning of her has been placed on hold.

"We were asked to wait for the Grand Jury process to take place before we continued interviewing her," said Ramsey.

NBC10's Rosemary Connors asked District Attorney Seth Williams about the Grand Jury's role in the case. "By its very nature, I'm not allowed to speak about Grand Jury investigations," replied Williams. ***

Tom Kline, the attorney for the victim's family, has said on several occasions he believes more people were involved in the girl's abduction and rape. Commissioner Ramsey did not confirm this however. "We don't know," said Ramsey. "The whole point of the investigation is to find out. We're just trying to tie up loose ends to make sure Regusters is the only one."

"People are concerned and wondering why there has only been one arrest," said Connors.

"Well, that's because that's the only information we have that can bring us to a point where we can get harges," replied Ramsey.

Ramsey also told Connors he was unsure if Regusters would testify to the Grand Jury, claiming it was up to

Williams to decide. While Williams remained tightlipped about the Grand Jury's plans, he also urged people with more information on the case to come forward.

"I'm sure there are members of the public that know something," he said. "We need them to help."