# Left-wing group bails out man accused of shoving 3-yearold boy's head into his crotch. Later he's arrested for groping 8-year-old girl.

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Luis Olivo was arrested in October following an incident in a Queens, New York, laundromat in which surveillance video allegedly showed him talking to a 3-year-old boy and passing a balloon back and forth before grabbing the boy's head and shoving it into his crotch, the New York Post reported, citing a criminal complaint.

## What happened next?

Olivio was charged only with a misdemeanor — endangering the welfare of a child — the <u>Queens Chronicle reported</u>.

The <u>Bronx Freedom Fund</u> — whose "envisions a society that humanizes instead of criminalizes" — posted \$2,000 bail for the 63-year-old, whose last known address was a homeless shelter, and Olivo was set free Nov. 4, the Post said.

He was due back in court Nov. 8 but failed to appear, a spokeswoman for the Queens district attorney

Well, Olivo was arrested again Sunday for allegedly molesting an 8-year-old girl inside a shopping mall in Queens, the Post reported. An eyewitness told police he saw Olivo stick his hand under the girl's skirt and grope her, the Post added, citing court papers.

The girl also said Olivo took her hand and put it on his crotch under his jacket "so that no one would see" and "repeatedly tried to kiss her," the Post said, citing court papers.

#### Not the first time for the Bronx Freedom Fund

Other individuals have been charged with violent and sexual crimes after being bailed out by the Bronx Freedom Fund, the Post said.

The nonprofit posted \$1,000 bail freeing Randy Santos in August after his arrest for allegedly groping a 19-year-old homeless shelter worker, the Post reported. Then Santos later allegedly <u>bludgeoned five homeless men</u> sleeping on the sidewalks of Chinatown in October, killing four of them, the paper added.

The group also posted \$1,000 bail freeing Lynneke Burris a week before he <u>raped a 23-year-old teacher</u> in the Bronx in 2018, the Post noted.

As for Olivo, he also was arrested in 2012 for allegedly placing an 8-year-old girl's hand "on top of his pants and against his erect penis" while giving her a free, sidewalk blood-pressure test with her grandmother, the paper added.

### More from the Post:

Although he was charged with first-degree sexual abuse, Olivo plea-bargained to endangering the welfare of a child and was sentenced to 60 days in jail and three years' probation.

The move kept him from having to register as a sex offender because of endangering the welfare of a child isn't considered a sex crime under state law.

The paper said it's unclear if the Bronx Freedom Fund knew about the latter case before bailing out Olivo, and neither the organization nor Olivo's defense lawyer returned requests for comment.

## What did the Bronx Freedom Fund have to say about its bailout of Olivo?

Elena Weissmann, director of the Bronx Freedom Fund, told the Queens Chronicle it bailed out Olivo because he couldn't receive adequate psychiatric help in jail.

"Individuals like Mr. Olivo who struggle with mental health and homelessness need support, not incarceration," Weissmann told the Chronicle in an email. "For someone in his situation

to be denied treatment while their case is pending, because they are too poor to afford their bail, not only harms them, but also impacts communities when they are released after further deterioration of their mental health in jail."

## What did current and former NYPD police have to say?

"When are groups like the Freedom Fund going to start worrying about the victims?" a Queens detective asked the Post. "Because of their actions, a little girl and her family have been victimized and traumatized unnecessarily."

A retired supervisor of sex-crimes investigations added to the Post that "these liberal groups have no idea how traumatic sex crimes are to the victims, especially young children. They talk about giving criminals second chances. Well, these two children won't get a second chance."

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