

RI deacon arrested on charges of indecent exposure

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The head of the Roman Catholic church in Providence has removed a Westerly deacon accused of exposing himself to drivers on Interstate 95.

Seventy-year-old Robert Alessio is the second deacon to be arrested this month. Last Wednesday, 71-year-old Laurence Gagnon, a former West Warwick deacon, was arraigned on three counts of second-degree child molestation.

The Westerly Sun (<http://bit.ly/n5tHIo>) reports that state troopers arrested Alessio on Friday after responding to a report of a man masturbating in the woods near the weight station on Exit 4 in Richmond.