

Former BBC Entertainer Guilty of Sex Abuse



London, July 3 (RHC)-- A former British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) entertainer has been found guilty of 12 indecent assaults against four girls. A jury in London has convicted Rolf Harris of sexually assaulting the girls, some as young as seven years old, during the 60s, 70s and 80s.

The 84-year-old former entertainer will remain on bail pending a medical report before his sentencing on Friday. The latest high profile media scandal in the UK comes on the heels of an investigation showing that disgraced former TV host Jimmy Savile had sexually abused dozens of patients for more than four decades.

According to a report published last week, Savile, who had access to multiple hospitals as a celebrity fundraiser, abused both patients and hospital workers. The inquiry was held at 28 different hospitals across the United Kingdom.

The TV host was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II and honored by Pope Benedict for his voluntary work at hospitals. His reputation collapsed after he died in 2011, when hundreds of witnesses and victims came forward, accusing him of sexual abuse.

In January 2013, a report by the police and the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children branded Savile as one of the UK's most prolific sexual predators who had used his celebrity status to "hide in plain sight."

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