

# Weinstein Indicted On More Sex Charges

# Jodie Foster Found Role In Thriller 'Hotel Artemis' On Her Own

NEW YORK: Disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein has been indicted on three additional felony sex charges, two of which carry the potential of life in prison. Weinstein is already facing three sex crime charges, concerning allegations involving two women and carrying a maximum penalty of 25 years in prison.

The Manhattan District Attorney's office announced on Monday that Weinstein now faces charges involving a third woman, arising from an incident in 2006, reports variety.com.

According to the indictment, Weinstein is accused of forcibly

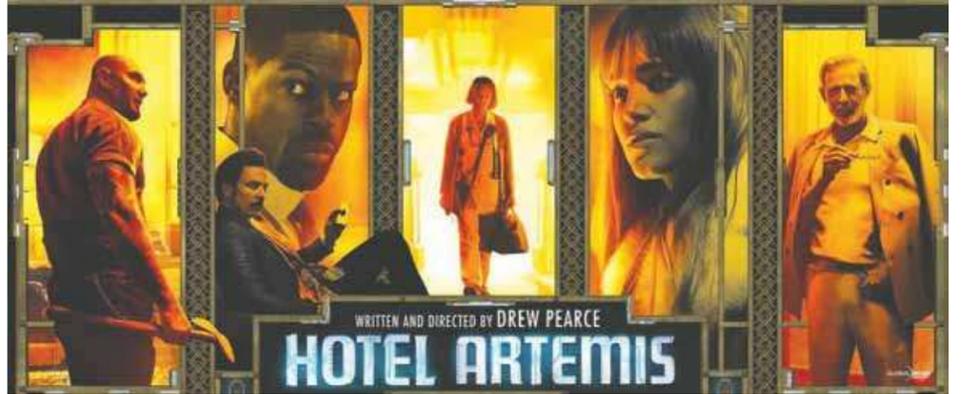
performing oral sex on the woman on July 10, 2006.

Weinstein was indicted on one count of criminal sexual act in the first degree and two counts of predatory sexual assault. The latter charges are used to prosecute perpetrators of multiple felony sexual assaults.

They are Class A-II felonies, the most serious charges that Weinstein faces, and they carry a potential sentence of 10 years to life in prison, reports variety.com.

"A Manhattan Grand Jury has now indicted Harvey Weinstein on some of the most serious sexual offences that exist under New York's Penal Law," District Attorney Cy Vance said in a statement. "This indictment is the result of the extraordinary courage exhibited by the survivors who have come forward. Our investigation continues. If you are a survivor of the predatory abuse with which Weinstein is charged, there is still time to pursue justice," Vance added.

Weinstein is free on \$1 million bail following his arrest on May 25 on the initial charges. He has pleaded not guilty. No trial date has been set yet.



LOS ANGELES: Actress Jodie Foster discovered "Hotel Artemis" on her own, says director Drew Pearce.

"The casting of Jodie Foster was incredible, as she actually discovered the script on her own and reached out to us about the role," Pearce said.

"Don't ask me how she got it -- officially it hadn't even left the office. Which is very in-keeping with the Artemis, to be fair," he added.

"Hotel Artemis" marks Foster's first acting project since 2013's "Elysium".

Pearce's action thriller features

Foster as a nurse who runs a secret, members-only emergency room for criminals in a near-future Los Angeles torn by riots.

Pearce, whose writing credits include "Iron Man 3" and "Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation," directed from his own script in his feature debut.

# Johansson's Transgender Role In New Film Criticised

# Three Held For Kidnapping 'Halloween...' Stars For Cash

LOS ANGELES: Scarlett Johansson has been criticised for playing a transgender in her new film. However the actress-singer refused to comment on the reaction.

The actress is set to star in the upcoming film "Rub & Tug" which tells the story of a transgender man, Dante 'Tex' Gill, who owned a massage parlour in Pittsburgh's underground sex industry in the 1970s, according to Vice News, reports people.com

In a statement obtained by Bustle, the actress said via her representative that "Tell them (trollers) they can be directed to Jeffrey Tambor, Jared Leto, and Felicity Huffman's representatives for comment."

Despite feuding with the mob, serving time for tax evasion, and running "an anabolic steroids ring that helped fuel the Pittsburgh Steelers' NFL dynasty," it will reportedly be Gill's "fiery romance" with wife Cynthia Bruno that forms the "emotional core" of the film.

Johansson, 33, has been one of



the world's highest paid actresses from 2014-2016. She has acted in popular films like "Just not into you", "Under this skin", and "Hitchcock".

Her choice of playing a transgender man in her new film has left people criticising her on Twitter.

LOS ANGELES: Three people were arrested and charged in the alleged kidnapping of "Halloween: Resurrection" actors Daisy McCrackin and Joseph Capone.

McCrackin, 36, and Capone were at home on May 3 when they were allegedly kidnapped by two men, Keith Stewart and Johntae Jones, and a woman named Amber Neal, according to a news release by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

While Capone was held starved in a bathtub for thirty hours at Johntae Jones's home, McCrackin was allegedly driven around to several banks in order to give her alleged kidnappers at least \$10,000 for her fellow actor's release. McCrackin was allegedly forced to sign a \$10,000 check for Neal, who deposited it into her bank account.

A day later, the suspects took McCrackin back to her home and she was able to escape.

# Felicity Jones Marries Boyfriend Of Three Years

LONDON: Actress Felicity Jones married her boyfriend of three years -- Charles Guard -- in a secret ceremony in the Cotswolds.

The British-born star, 34, tied the knot with the film director at Sudeley Castle in the Cotswolds, Oxfordshire, while celebrities like Tom Hanks and her "The Theory of Everything" co-star Eddie Redmayne watched on, reports thesun.co.uk.

The venue, the only private castle in England to have a queen buried within its grounds, Katherine Parr, the last of Henry VIII's six wives, closed its grounds early to the public on Saturday to accommodate the wedding.

It's said that the Oscar-nomi-



nated actress made a speech at the ceremony.

The couple have been dating since 2015, and Guard proposed in May last year.

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# Payne, Tweedy Separate



LOS ANGELES: Former One Direction star Liam Payne, who jetted back to London to be with lady-love Cheryl Tweedy to celebrate her birthday, has now announced his split with her after more than two years of togetherness.

The couple, who first went public with their romance in 2015, announced their split on Twitter on Sunday, reports people.com.

"Cheryl and I are sad to announce that we are going our separate ways," wrote Payne, 24. "It's been a tough decision for us

to make."

Mentioning their son Bear, who celebrated his first birthday on March 22, Payne said: "We still have so much love for each other as a family. Bear is our world and we ask that you respect his privacy as we navigate our way through this together."

At the same time, Tweedy, 35, posted a similar announcement on Twitter. Payne and Tweedy's romance owes its origins to the "X Factor" UK. The pair met while Tweedy was a judge on the show, and Payne a contestant.

# Andy Dick Charged With Groping Woman On Street

LOS ANGELES: Comedian Andy Dick is facing charges for allegedly groping a complete stranger on the streets here.

According to law enforcement sources cited by TMZ, a woman filed a police report claiming the troubled comedian squeezed her derriere twice as he walked past

her on a sidewalk back in April.

She also said he made lewd comments. As per documents obtained by TMZ, the Los Angeles City Attorney has charged Dick with misdemeanor sexual battery, as well as misdemeanor simple battery for allegedly touching the woman.