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## **MEDIA RELEASE - AUGUST 21, 2017** **FLEMINGTON MAN ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT**

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, Flemington Borough Police Chief Jerry Rotella, and Raritan Township Police Chief Glenn Tabasko announced that a joint investigation by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit, Flemington Borough Police Department, and Raritan Township Police Department has led to the arrest of one individual.

On August 18, 2017, Carlos M. Hernandez-Escobar, age 29, of Flemington, NJ, was arrested and charged with two counts of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Sexual Assault by Contact and two counts of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

An investigation by detectives from the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit, Flemington Borough Police Department and Raritan Township Police Department revealed Mr. Hernandez-Escobar had sexual contact with a juvenile victim when the victim was under the age of 13. These incidents occurred in both Raritan Township and Flemington Borough in 2015.

Mr. Hernandez-Escobar was transported to the Somerset County Jail and later transferred into ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) custody.

The filing of a criminal complaint is merely a step in the criminal justice process. The defendant is presumed innocent until the matter is resolved in a court of law.

This investigation is ongoing and anyone with additional information is requested to contact the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit at 908-788-1129.

Anonymous tips can be submitted by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-321-0010 or by going to [www.crimestoppershunterdon.com](http://www.crimestoppershunterdon.com), or text messaging "HCTIPS" plus your tip message to 274637 (CRIMES). Tipsters can also download the free mobile app "Tipsubmit" and select Hunterdon County to submit anonymous tips via text messaging. All tips are anonymous and kept confidential.

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