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### **PHILLIPSBURG MAN ARRESTED FOR AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD**



Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, and Chief of Detectives John J. Kuczynski announced the arrest of one individual after an investigation by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit.

According to Prosecutor Kearns, "On March 17, 2017, Steven W. Newman, age 50, of Phillipsburg, NJ, was arrested and charged with Aggravated Sexual Assault, a first degree crime, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a second degree crime, and Lewdness, a fourth degree crime. The investigation revealed the victim was less than 13 years old. The crimes occurred in Flemington Borough."

Prosecutor Kearns added, "The guardians of children must always remain vigilant to the fact that those who sexually exploit children could be a trusted friend or family member. Continual communication with children under your care is imperative to keeping them safe and children should be taught about appropriate boundaries."

The defendant was lodged at the Somerset County Jail and is awaiting his first court appearance. The 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.

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.

Anyone with information for law enforcement can submit anonymous tips 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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