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## **MEDIA RELEASE – MARCH 22, 2017**

### **HIGH BRIDGE MAN ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT OF CHILD**



Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, Chief of Detectives John J. Kuczynski and High Bridge Borough Police Chief Brett Bartman announced that a joint investigation by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit and the High Bridge Borough Police Department has led to the arrest of one individual on sexual assault charges.

On March 22, 2017, Mario Chacon, age 42, of High Bridge, NJ, was arrested and charged with one count of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Criminal Sexual Contact, one count of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and one count of 4<sup>th</sup> degree Child Abuse.

An investigation by detectives from the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit and the High Bridge Borough Police Department revealed the crimes took place in September of 2016 and involved a child under the age of 16. Mr. Chacon was a member of the High Bridge Rescue Squad and is currently suspended.

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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