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MANVILLE MAN ARRESTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo, announce the arrest of one individual on Child Pornography charges.

According to Prosecutor Kearns, "On March 28, 2019, Brandon Heaton, age 22, of Manville, NJ, was arrested and charged with one count of second degree Possession of Child Pornography and second degree Distribution of Child Pornography. Detectives from the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit received a referral from the Internet Crimes Against Children task force ("ICAC") which led to the investigation of Mr. Heaton. ICAC is a national network of over 4,500 coordinated federal, state and local law enforcement agencies that investigate and prosecute abuse and exploitation crimes against children involving the internet. Crimes commonly investigated relate to child pornography and adults engaging in sexual conduct with minors. Manville Police Department assisted with this investigation. Mr. Heaton is currently detained awaiting a detention hearing. If convicted, he could face up to ten years on each count."

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.

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