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PHILLIPSBURG MAN ARRESTED FOR THIRD DEGREE ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, and Chief of Detectives Frank Crisologo announced an investigation by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit has led to the arrest of one individual on a child endangerment charge.

According to Prosecutor Kearns, "On February 7, 2019, Andrew Donohue, age 25, of Phillipsburg, NJ, was arrested and charged with one count of third degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child."

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. Donohue. 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. In this case, the investigation by Hunterdon County Detectives revealed that Mr. Donohue engaged in sexual conduct with a victim under the age of sixteen, specifically by exchanging inappropriate pictures, text messages and chats via social media and other digital means with the child. Mr. Donohue was released on his own recognizance following his arrest.

Prosecutor Kearns added, "Children are life's most precious gift, and I encourage anyone with information of a crime to report it either to the ICAC or Crime Stoppers."

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.

Anonymous tips can be submitted by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-321-0010 or by going to 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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