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## **MEDIA RELEASE - JULY 22, 2019**

### **READINGTON MAN CHARGED WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT**



Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Michael J. Williams, Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo, Readington Township Police Chief Joe Greco, and Raritan Township Police Chief Al Payne announced the arrest of an individual on sexual assault charges.

According to Acting Prosecutor Williams, "On July 22, 2019, Darren Pieper, age 44, of Readington Township, was arrested and charged with three counts of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree sexual assault of a minor and three counts of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree endangering the welfare of a child via sexual conduct. These charges involve three different juvenile victims who were assaulted on various dates between 2011 and 2015. The crimes occurred in both Readington Township and Raritan Township."

This is an ongoing investigation involving multiple law enforcement agencies, and any person with relevant information regarding Mr. Pieper is encouraged to call the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office's 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.

Anonymous tips can be submitted by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-321-0010, going online at [www.CrimeStoppersHunterdon.com](http://www.CrimeStoppersHunterdon.com), or through the free "P3 Tips" smartphone app. All tips are anonymous and kept confidential. Crime Stoppers pays cash rewards for valid tips.

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