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MANVILLE MAN INDICTED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Hunterdon County Acting Prosecutor Michael J. Williams, announced the indictment of Brandon Heaton, age 22, of Manville, NJ. On June 20, 2019, Mr. Heaton was indicted by a Hunterdon County Grand Jury for one count of 2nd degree Possession of Child Pornography and one count of 2nd degree Distribution of Child Pornography. The crimes occurred in Readington Township.

According to Acting Prosecutor Williams, “On March 28, 2019, Mr. Heaton was arrested and charged with one count of 2nd degree Possession of Child Pornography and one count of 2nd degree Distribution of Child Pornography. Detectives from the Hunterdon County Prosecutor’s Office’s 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, which is where Mr. Heaton lived at the time of his arrest. If convicted, he could face up to ten years on each count.”

An indictment 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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