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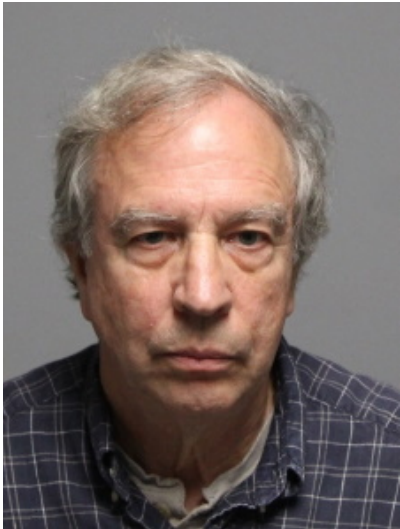
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## **MEDIA RELEASE – SEPTEMBER 27, 2019**

### **LEBANON TOWNSHIP MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**



**ANDRE GIRGUS**

Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Michael J. Williams and Acting Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo announced the arrest of an individual on a child pornography charge.

According to Acting Prosecutor Williams, “On September 26, 2019, Andre Girgus, age 70 of Lebanon Township, was arrested and charged with one count of third degree possession of child pornography. The charge stems from numerous cyber tips from various jurisdictions that were received through the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program (ICAC). ICAC helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and internet crimes committed against children. This support encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services, prevention, and community education. The investigation by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor’s Office’s Special Victim Unit began in August 2018. Assisting agencies were the New Jersey State Police, Washington Station and Canine North Unit, and the Town of Clinton and Lebanon Township Police Departments.”

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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