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PHILLIPSBURG MAN CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT

Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Michael J. Williams, Warren County Prosecutor James L. Pfeiffer, and Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo, announced the arrest of an individual on sexual assault charges.

According to Acting Prosecutor Williams, "On July 10, 2019, Christopher Vielma, age 31 of Phillipsburg, was arrested and charged with one count of first degree aggravated sexual assault, one count of second degree sexual assault, and one count of second degree endangering the welfare of a child. A joint investigation by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office's Special Victims Unit and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office led to the charges. Mr. Vielma faces similar charges in Warren County for crimes that occurred there. He is currently detained at the Warren County Jail. The Hunterdon County charges stem from alleged offenses committed when the victim was under the age of 13 and lived in Hunterdon County."

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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