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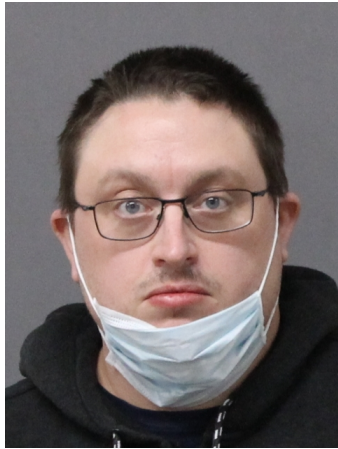
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MILFORD MAN ARRESTED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY



Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Michael J. Williams, Acting Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo, and New Jersey State Police Perryville Station Commander Lt. Ed Moore announced the arrest of one individual for child pornography.

According to Acting Prosecutor Williams, “A cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) led to a joint investigation by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor’s Office’s Forensic Unit and the New Jersey State Police Perryville Barracks. On March 5, 2021, John Blackwell, age 41 of Milford, was arrested and charged with 1st degree endangering the welfare of children for encouraging and directing a child to send him videos over the Internet depicting the child’s intimate body parts and engaging in prohibited acts. He was also charged with 2nd degree distribution of child pornography and 3rd degree possession of child pornography. The crimes occurred on various occasions in 2020. Mr. Blackwell is being held in the Warren County Jail awaiting his first court appearance.”

This is an ongoing investigation, and anyone with relevant information regarding Mr. Blackwell is encouraged to call the Hunterdon County Prosecutor’s Office’s Forensic 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, 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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