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## **MEDIA RELEASE – MARCH 31, 2021** **UPDATE: SEE ATTACHED PHOTO**

**CORRECTION: Michael Roach resided in Raritan Township at the time of his arrest. His mailing address was Flemington. The crimes took place in High Bridge Borough.**

**Media Release March 30, 2021**

### **FLEMINGTON MAN ARRESTED FOR ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD**



Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Michael J. Williams, Acting Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo, and Chief Brett Bartman, High Bridge Police Department, announced the arrest of one individual for endangering the welfare of a child.

According to Acting Prosecutor Williams, "A joint investigation by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office's Special Victim Unit, High Bridge Police Department, and New Jersey State Division of Parole revealed that Michael F. Roach, 32, of Flemington, NJ, was having an inappropriate relationship with an underage female. Specifically, Mr. Roach exchanged explicit text messages and photographs with an underage female victim. He was subsequently charged with third degree endangering the welfare of a child for engaging in sexual conduct with a child and third degree endangering the welfare of a child for possessing items depicting the sexual exploitation or abuse of a child. Further investigation revealed evidence of witness tampering by Mr. Roach as he tried to conceal contact between himself and the victim. He was charged on March 29, 2021, with third degree witness tampering, and is being held at the Warren County Correctional Facility.

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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