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## PRESS RELEASE

**Arrested:** Jose Omar Astacio  
600 Block of South Main Street  
Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865  
DOB: 11/9/1982

The above named individual was arrested Wednesday, July 25, 2012, for Sexual Assault by Contact, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2B, a crime of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a, a crime of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a, a crime of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. A second degree crime carries a maximum term of imprisonment of up to ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison. A third degree crime carries a maximum term of imprisonment of up to five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison.


The complaint alleges that between the dates of July 1, 2011, and July 23, 2012, the defendant committed an act of Sexual Assault by Sexual Contact, by touching the breasts, buttocks, and/or vaginal area of a child less than thirteen (13) years old, in the Town of Phillipsburg, Warren County, New Jersey. The defendant was known to the victim.

Bail was set by the Honorable Ann R. Bartlett, J.S.C., at \$100,000.00 with no ten percent option. The defendant's bail also includes conditions that he has no contact with the victim, the victim's family, or anyone under the age of eighteen (18) and is not to return to the victim's residence. The defendant had his first appearance on July 25, 2012, before the Honorable Ann R. Bartlett, J.S.C., in Belvidere.

The investigation was conducted jointly by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit and the Phillipsburg Police Department.

Please be advised that criminal charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent of all charges until and unless proven guilty.

Approved By:  
Date: July 26, 2012

  
RICHARD T. BURKE  
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