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PRESS RELEASE

Arrested: Ralph A. Atkinson
13 Ramseyburg Road
Columbia, NJ 07832
Date of Birth: October 10, 1975

The above-named individual was arrested on Friday, July 11, 2014 on one count Aggravated Sexual Assault, first-degree, one count Sexual Assault, second-degree, one count Endangering the Welfare of a Child, third-degree, one count Endangering the Welfare of a Child (permitting a child to engage in a prohibited sexual act knowing it would be photographed or filmed), first-degree, Endangering the Welfare of a Child (photographing or filming a child in a prohibited sexual act), second-degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child (possession of child pornography) third-degree. First degree crimes carry a maximum of twenty years New Jersey State Prison. Second-degree crimes carry a maximum of ten years New Jersey State Prison. Third degree crimes carry a maximum term of imprisonment of up to five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison.

The complaints allege that the defendant engaged in acts of sexual contact and penetration upon a child when the victim was less than thirteen years of age. The defendant also filmed and photographed the acts of sexual contact and penetration with the victim. The victim was known to the defendant.

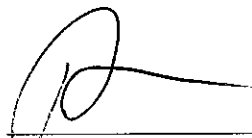
Bail was set by the Honorable Ann R. Bartlett, J.S.C. as a blanket bail of \$1,000,000.00, no ten percent. The defendant has been incarcerated at Warren County Correctional Center since May 15, 2014 when he was charged with Murder and Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose. The defendant's bail also includes conditions that he not have contact with the victim. The defendant's first appearance is scheduled for Monday, July 14, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. before the Honorable Ann R. Bartlett, J.S.C.

The investigation was conducted by the Washington Township Police Department, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office with assistance from the New Jersey State Police Digital Technology Investigations Unit.

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

Approved by:

Date: July 14, 2014



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