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PRESS RELEASE

Arrested: Patrick T. Deck
50 Lakeview Avenue
Watchung, New Jersey 07069

Date of Birth: March 21, 1960

Additional charges were filed today against the above referenced individual. The additional charges concern incidents in three jurisdictions.

In Hope Township, Warren County, the complaints allege that the defendant possessed images of children less than sixteen years old engaged in a prohibited sexual act, in violation of N.J.S.A. 24-4(b)(5)(b), Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Fourth Degree.

In Chester Township, Morris County the complaints allege that the defendant filmed a child less than sixteen years old engaged in a prohibited sexual act, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4(b)(5)(b). It is also alleged that the defendant committed act of Sexual Assault by Contact, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2b, Second Degree, when the child was between the ages of eleven and twelve years old. A separate charge of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a, Third Degree, was filed for sexual conduct which occurred when the child was between the ages of six and ten years old.

In Watchung Borough, Somerset County, the defendant was charged for committing an act of Sexual Assault by Contact, N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2b, Second Degree. The victim was between the ages of eleven and twelve at the time of this incident. The defendant was also charged for Endangering the Welfare of a Child, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a, Third Degree, for the same incident. It is also alleged that the defendant possessed images of children under the age of sixteen engaged in prohibited sexual conduct, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4(b)(5)(b), Fourth Degree.

Both the Chester Township and the Watchung Borough incidents concern the same victim. The victim was known to the defendant.

A second-degree crime carries a maximum term of imprisonment of up to ten (10) years New Jersey State Prison. A third-degree crime carries a maximum term of imprisonment of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison. A fourth-degree crime carries a maximum term of imprisonment of up to eighteen (18) months New Jersey State Prison.

The defendant remains at the Warren County Correctional Center in lieu of bail. Bail on today's charges was set at \$200,000 no ten percent by the Hon. Ann R. Bartlett, J.S.C. Additional conditions include no contact with named victim or the victim's family.

The court had previously set a bail of \$50,000, no ten percent on three counts of Invasion of Privacy arising out of Warren County. The defendant had posted that bail. However, the defendant was then charged Certain Person Not to Have Weapons. The Hon. Ann R. Bartlett, J.S.C. set bail at \$100,000 no ten percent on the weapon's charge. The defendant remained in custody on that charge at the time today's charges were filed. Special conditions of the defendant's bail include no contact with minors, house arrest, and electronic monitoring if he is released.

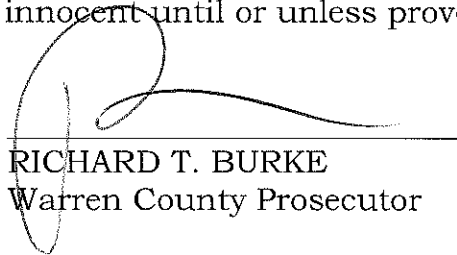
The defendant's first appearance on today's charges is scheduled for Monday, August 20, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. before the Honorable Ann R. Bartlett, J.S.C. in Belvidere.

The investigation is being conducted jointly by the New Jersey State Police and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit with assistance from New Jersey State Police Missing Persons and Child Exploitation Unit, Somerset County Prosecutor's Office, Morris County Prosecutor's Office, New Jersey State Park Police, Florham Park Police Department and the Watchung Borough Police Department.

Anyone with relevant information is asked to contact the Warren County Prosecutor's Office at (908) 475-6639, or by email at crimetip@wcpo-nj.us.

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

Approved by:
Date: August 17, 2012


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