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PRESS RELEASE

CONVICTED: Clinton C. Helmlinger
Formerly of 918 Grand Avenue
Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840

DOB: October 20, 1983

The above named individual was convicted of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a third degree crime, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a and of two (2) counts of Criminal Sexual Contact, both fourth degree crimes, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-3b. A third degree conviction carries a maximum term of imprisonment of five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison. A fourth degree conviction carries a maximum term of imprisonment of 18 months in New Jersey State Prison.

The jury found that between the dates of August 1, 2007 and November 30, 2007, the Defendant engaged in acts of prohibited sexual contact with the victim who was at least 13 years of age but less than 16 years of age when the Defendant was approximately 10 years older than the victim. The assaults occurred at a residence in Hackettstown. The victim was known to the Defendant.

The Defendant remains in custody at the Warren County Correctional Center pending sentence for these offenses and for the March 20, 2012 jury verdicts finding him guilty of Aggravated Sexual Assault, a first degree crime and of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a third degree crime.

The trials were presided over by the Honorable John F. Kingfield, J.S.C. The State was represented by Assistant Prosecutor Donald F. Cox, Jr. The investigation was conducted by Detective Hernani Goncalves of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office with the assistance of Detective Aaron Perkins of the Hackettstown Police Department.

The Defendant was represented by Edward J. Hesketh, Esq.

APPROVED BY:

DATE: May 21, 2012



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