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Arrested:

GEORGE OAKES, 4TH

49 Colby Court Belvidere, NJ 07823

Date of Birth: August 27, 1963

The above named individual was arrested on April 14, 2021 and charged with one (1) count Manufacturing Child Pornography, two (2) counts Distribution of Child Pornography, three (3) counts possession of child pornography (greater than 1,000 images) and two (2) counts possession of child pornography (less than 1,000 images). Manufacturing Child Pornography, Distribution of Child Pornography and Possession of Child Pornography (greater than 1,000 images) are Second Degree Crimes punishable by up to ten (10) years New Jersey State Prison. Possession of Child Pornography (less than 1,000 images) is a Third Degree Crime punishable by up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison. Oakes is currently being held in the Warren County Correctional Center pending first appearance.

The arrest follows a 5-month investigation by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Cyber Crimes Unit. The investigation was sparked by a tip received by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) from an online service company. NCMEC forwarded the tip to the New Jersey ICAC Regional Task Force and it was investigated by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office.

The investigation revealed George Oakes used multiple social media platforms to access and distribute images and videos of child sexual abuse. The investigation also revealed that Oakes reproduced images of child sexual abuse. The investigation is ongoing.

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

Approved by:

JAMES L. PFEIFFER Warren County Prosecutor

Dated: April 14, 2021