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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Arrested: Rafael A. Alfaro**  
**12 Raymond Street**  
**Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865**  
**DOB: 2/18/74**

**Employment: ISE Farms**  
**Franklin Township**  
**Truck Driver**

The above-named individual was arrested today. The investigation was conducted by Detective John Matzko and Detective Scott Imboden of the Phillipsburg Police Department and Detective Vincent Torre of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault/Child Abuse Unit. The Phillipsburg Police Department Patrol Division assisted with the investigation. The defendant was charged with two counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault, crimes of the first degree, one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a crime of the second degree, Sexual Assault by Contact, a crime of the second degree, Aggravated Criminal Sexual Contact, a crime of the third degree and one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a crime of the third degree. The charges stem from incidents involving two different victims.

The first degree crimes carry a maximum term of imprisonment of up to twenty (20) years in New Jersey State Prison. The second degree crimes carry a maximum term of imprisonment of up to ten years in New Jersey State Prison. The third degree crimes carry a maximum term of up to five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison.


One set of charges allege that on or about January 27, 2007 the defendant committed an act of sexual contact with a 13 year old female. The victim was known to the defendant. The incident occurred in Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

The other set of charges allege that between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2004, the defendant committed acts of contact and penetration with a female victim when she was between the ages of 8 and 11. The victim was known to the defendant. The incidents occurred in Washington Borough, New Jersey.

The Honorable Amy O'Connor, J.S.C., set bail at \$250,000.00 without the ten percent option. His first appearance is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2007.

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

DATE: 1-29-07

  
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