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PRESS RELEASE

Arrested: **Ramon B. Bagamasbad**
 206 Apt. A Morris St.
 Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865
 DOB: August 30, 1949

The above-named individual was arrested yesterday, March 23, 2008, charged with one (1) count of Aggravated Sexual Assault, N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2a(1), a crime of the first degree, one (1) count of Sexual Assault by Sexual Contact, N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2b, a crime of the second degree and one (1) count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a, a crime of the second degree.

Detective Travis Zechman of the Phillipsburg Police Department, Detective Bureau, and Detective Derek Kries of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault/Child Abuse Unit conducted the investigation.

The first degree crime carries a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years in New Jersey State Prison. Each second-degree crime carries a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years in New Jersey State Prison.

The complaint alleges that on or around February 14, 2006, the defendant committed an act of sexual penetration on the minor victim. The victim was known to the defendant.

Bail was set by the Honorable John J. Pursel, J.S.C. at \$100,000.00 no ten percent. The defendant is being lodged at Warren County Correctional Center. His first appearance is scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday March 25, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. before Honorable John H. Pursel, J.S.C.

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

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