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PRESS RELEASE

Arrested: Dennis Banghart
6 Nightengale Court
Belvidere, New Jersey 07832
Date of Birth: 10/8/42

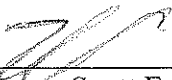
The above-named individual was arrested in Belvidere, NJ, April 7, 2011, by members of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit. The defendant was charged with one count of first degree Aggravated Sexual Assault N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2(a)(1), one count of second degree Sexual Assault by Contact N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2b and one count of third degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a. The first degree charge carries a maximum sentence up to twenty (20) years in New Jersey State Prison, the second degree charges carry a maximum sentence up to ten (10) years in the New Jersey State Prison and the third degree charge carries a maximum term of five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison.

The complaint alleges that on diverse dates between 9/24/08 and 4/5/11, the defendant engaged in multiple acts of penetration and sexual contact with a child under the age of 13. The victim was known to the defendant. The investigation was conducted by DSgt. Toni Latario and Detective Jim McCormick of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit.

The defendant was arrested then transported to the Warren County Correctional Facility. Bail was set at \$150,000. no 10%, with a condition that he not have contact with anyone under the age of 18, victim, or victim's family, by Honorable Judge Ann R. Bartlett, J.S.C. His first appearance is scheduled for Friday, April 8, 2011 at 9:00 AM in Warren County Superior Court in Belvidere, New Jersey.

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

Approved by:



Thomas Scott Ferguson
Warren County Prosecutor

DATE: April 7, 2011