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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Arrested:**           **DARREN ROBERT CLAUSE**  
                              **319 WEST GARRISON STREET**  
                              **BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA 18018**

**Date of Birth:**    **March 26, 1961**


The above-named individual was arrested today, February 16, 2007, by Detective Melissa Viscomi and Detective Richard Regan of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault/Child Abuse Unit on a charge of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a, a crime of the third degree. Third-degree crimes carry a maximum term of imprisonment of up to five (5) years.

The complaints allege that between January 24 through January 25, 2007 the defendant engaged in sexual conduct with a 14-year-old female. It is alleged that the defendant showed the victim pornographic materials and engaged in other inappropriate sexual conduct with the victim. The victim was known to the defendant.

Bail was set by the Honorable John H. Pursel, J.S.C. at \$30,000 no ten percent. The defendant was released on bail. The defendant's first appearance is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. before Honorable John H. Pursel, J.S.C.

Detective Melissa Viscomi and Detective Vincent Torre of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault/Child Abuse Unit and Patrolman Frank Tootle of the Belvidere Police Department conducted the investigation.

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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DATE: February 16, 2007