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County of Warren **PRESS RELEASE**

Arrested: Jason Hothouse
65 Titman Road
Belvidere, New Jersey 07823
DOB: April 13, 1971


The above-named individual was arrested Tuesday, May 05, 2010, on two charges of Sexual Assault, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:14-2C(3)(c) and 2C:14-2c(1), both second-degree crimes. The second-degree charges carry a maximum term of imprisonment of up to ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison.

The complaint alleges that on or about March 1st, 2010, the defendant sexually assaulted the victim by committing acts of sexual penetration upon the victim who is at least 16 years old but less than 18 years old and the defendant stood in loco parentis to the victim within the household. The complaint also alleges that on or about March 1, 2010, the defendant sexually assaulted the victim by committing acts of sexual penetration upon the victim using physical force or coercion. The assaults allegedly occurred in White Township, New Jersey. The victim was known to the defendant.

Bail was set by the Honorable Kimarie Rahill, J.S.C., at \$100,000.00, with a no ten percent option. The defendant's bail also includes conditions that he not have contact with the victim and no contact with anyone under the age of eighteen. The defendant's first appearance occurred on Wednesday, May 5, at 1:30 p.m., before the Honorable John J. Coyle, Jr. J.S.C.

Detective Eric Clowes of the New Jersey State Police and Detective Melissa Fehr of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office 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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