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PRESS RELEASE

Arrested: **Hugh J. Howard**
441 Old Main Street
Asbury, New Jersey 08865

Date of Birth: **7/20/64**


The above-named individual was arrested in Belvidere NJ, October 29, 2009 by Detective Sergeant Toni Latario and Detective Hernani Goncalves of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit. The defendant was charged with one count of Distribution of Child Pornography a crime of the second degree, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4B (5)(A) and Possession of Child Pornography, a crime of the fourth degree, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4B(5)(B). The second degree crime carries a maximum of ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison. The fourth degree crime carries a maximum term of imprisonment of up to 18 months in New Jersey State Prison.

The complaint alleges that on or about January 12, 2009, the defendant distributed via his computer, videos and pictures of children under the age of 16 of a pornographic nature, to an undercover detective. The investigation was conducted by Detective Sergeant Toni Latario of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit and Detective Sergeant Joseph Solokas of the New Jersey State Police.

The defendant was arrested and transported to the Warren County Correctional Facility. Bail was set by the Honorable John J. Coyle J.S.C. at \$50,000.00 no ten percent (10%) option. As a condition of bail defendant is to have no contact with anyone under the age of 18 years old. His first appearance is scheduled for Friday, October 30, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. before Honorable John J. Coyle 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: October 29, 2009