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PRESS RELEASE

CHARGED:

Julian A. Suarez 298 Maple Street Secaucus, NJ 07094 DOB: 2/21/2002

Julian A. Suarez was charged with two counts of endangering the welfare of a child as a result of a thorough investigation led by the Washington Township Police Department. The investigation began after law enforcement received a report that a child was receiving payments in exchange for sexually explicit pictures. Detectives spoke with the child who indicated that she sent nearly 100 photographs and videos to an individual identifying himself as "Jay" on Snapchat. The child also explained that she informed the perpetrator that she was 15 years old but he still forwarded her payments totaling \$240. Law enforcement, through various investigative means, was able to identify "Jay" as Julian Suarez from Secaucus, New Jersey. Detectives were able to view the contents of the Snapchat account and corroborate the child's report. A complaint-warrant was issued charging the suspect with:

- o One (1) count of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a(1); Third Degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child for engaging in sexual conduct that would impair or debauch the morals of a child, and
- o One (1) count of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(5)(b)(iii); Third Degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child for knowingly possessing images that depict child sexual abuse or exploitation.

Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.

Please note, the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Approved by:

Date: June 15, 2023

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