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CHARGED:

ANDREW L. LISSITZ 349 BRAESIDE AVENUE EAST STROUDSBURG, PA

DOB: 11/17/1971

In July of 2020, Victim #1 reported to law enforcement that she was sexually abused by Andrew Lissitz when she was six (6) years old. Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that on two separate occasions, Lissitz had access to the child and engaged her in various sexual acts.

In September of 2021, Victim #2 reported to law enforcement that she had been sexually abused by Andrew Lissitz when she was approximately seven (7) years old. Through the course of the investigation, it was determined that on at least one occasion, Lissitz had access to the child and engaged her in various sexual acts.

The criminal investigation remains ongoing. If anyone has information regarding the charged incidents or has additional information concerning Andrew Lissitz, please contact the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, Special Victim's Unit at 908-475-6040 or 908-475-6060.

In relation to Victim #1, Lissitz was charged with the following:

- 1) Two counts of Sexual Assault, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2b, a second degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of ten (10) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of five (5) years. This offense is subject to the No Early Release Act.
- 2) Endangering the Welfare of a Child, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a(1), a second degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of ten (10) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of five (5) years.

In relation to Victim #2, Lissitz was charged with the following:

- 1) Aggravated Sexual Assault, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2a(1), a first degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of twenty (20) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of ten (10) years. This offense is subject to the No Early Release Act.
- 2) Three counts of Sexual Assault, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2b, a second degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of ten (10) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of five (5) years. This offense is subject to the No Early Release Act.

3) Endangering the Welfare of a Child, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a(1), a third degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of five (5) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of three (3) years.

Lissitz remains lodged in Warren County Jail pending his First Appearance in Warren County Superior Court.

Prosecutor James L. Pfeiffer would like to thank the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Special Victim's Unit, the Blairstown Police Department and the Newton Police Department, whose efforts contributed to this successful investigation.

Please be advised that the charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Approved by:

Date: May 31, 2023

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