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Defendant: **Jason C. Fillebrown**
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On July 31, 2019, members of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Cyber Crimes Unit, Warren County Crime Scene Team and Phillipsburg Police Department executed a search warrant at Jason Fillebrown's residence after receiving notification from the New Jersey State Police Digital Technologies Investigation Unit that Fillebrown distributed and possessed child sexual abuse material. That Unit had received a Cybertip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. After thorough forensic analysis, it was determined that the defendant possessed and distributed numerous images/videos depicting child sexual abuse material. Further, the defendant had used a file sharing program, specifically Google Photos, to store and maintain said images/videos in 2019. As part of the investigation, numerous electronic devices were seized and recovered. Upon forensic analysis of said electronic devices, the investigation revealed that the defendant had committed acts of sexual penetration, specifically oral sex, and sexual contact upon a child under thirteen (13) years of age. The acts occurred in 2007 in the Town of Phillipsburg. The child in question was known to the defendant. Additionally, the defendant photographed and filmed these acts on various occasions between 2007-2008. Defendant was arrested on July 31, 2019 and remains incarcerated at Warren County Jail.

On August 13, 2021, before the Honorable H. Matthew Curry, J.S.C. the Defendant pled guilty to:

- 1) Aggravated Sexual Assault, in violation of 2C:14-2a(1), a first degree offense. At sentencing, the State will recommend ten (10) years in the New Jersey State Prison, subject to the No Early Release Act (85%), to include conditions of Megan's Law Registration, Parole Supervision for Life and an Avenel evaluation. In addition to no contact with the victim;
- 2) Endangering the Welfare of a Child (CP in a file sharing program) in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(5)(a)(iii), a second degree offense. At sentencing, the State will recommend six (6) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum term of three (3) years during which the defendant shall be ineligible for parole, to include conditions of Megan's Law Registration, Parole Supervision for Life and an Avenel evaluation. This sentence to run consecutively to the above; and
- 3) Endangering the Welfare of a Child (Production of CP) in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(4), a second degree offense. At sentencing, the State will recommend five (5) years in the New Jersey State Prison. This sentence to run concurrent to the above.

The State's recommended sentence will therefore total 16 years, with a mandatory period of parole ineligibility of 11½ years. Fillebrown will remain incarcerated at Warren County Jail pending sentencing which is scheduled for October 1, 2021.

Prosecutor Pfeiffer would like to thank the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Cyber Crimes Unit, Special Victims Unit, the Warren County Crime Scene Team, the Phillipsburg Police Department, the New Jersey State Police Digital Technologies Investigation Unit and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, whose efforts contributed to the investigation and resolution of this matter.



Approved by:
Date: August 13, 2021

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