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PRESS RELEASE

CHARGED:
JOSEPH FORTUGNO
STEWARTSVILLE, NEW JERSEY
AGE: 33

On Wednesday, April 24, 2024, following an investigation that spanned several months, Joseph Fortugno was charged with two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child for possessing and intending to distribute images that depict child sexual abuse. The investigation began after law enforcement received notice that several images of a young child posing in a sexual manner were uploaded online. Through various investigative means, detectives were able to link the source of the uploads to Joseph Fortugno's residence. In addition, law enforcement also uncovered that the suspect intended to send the images to others online. Following the execution of the search warrant, the suspect was charged with the following:

- 1) Endangering the Welfare of a Child for knowingly possessing images that depict child sexual abuse, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(5)(b)(iii), a crime of the third degree.
- 2) Endangering the Welfare of a Child for knowingly possessing images that depict child sexual abuse with the intent to distribute, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(5)(a)(ii), a crime of the second degree.

