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PRESS RELEASE

Arrested: Mark Van Grouw
22 Dutch Hill Road
Blairstown, N.J. 07825
DOB: June 1, 1965

It is alleged that between 1990 through 1995 on various dates, Mark Van Grouw, sexually assaulted a child at his residence in Blairstown, New Jersey. It is alleged that the defendant engaged the victim in multiple sexual acts while the victim was between the ages of ten (10) and fifteen (15) years old.

The defendant was charged with the following:

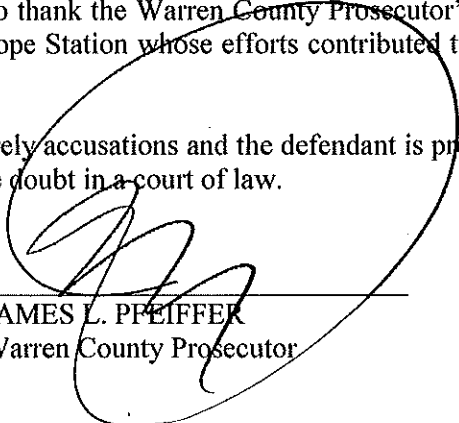
- 1) Two (2) counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2a(1); a first degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of twenty (20) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of ten (10) years.
- 2) Two (2) counts of Sexual Assault, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2c(4); 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.
- 3) Two (2) 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.
- 4) Two (2) counts of Criminal Sexual Contact, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-3b; a fourth degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of eighteen (18) months in the New Jersey State Prison.

His initial first appearance in Warren County Superior Court was held on January 19, 2023. The Defendant remains lodged in Warren County Jail.

Prosecutor James L. Pfeiffer would like to thank the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Special Victim's Unit and the New Jersey State Police Hope Station 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:



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Date: January 20, 2023