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PRESS RELEASE

Arrested: **Paul Tedeschi**
 1001 Lee Avenue
 Alpha, NJ 08865

On August 21, 2022, Phillipsburg Police Department received information from a source that Paul Tedeschi was seeking an underage female to engage in sexual activity with. During the investigation, it was learned that Tedeschi was seeking to perform sexual acts on a fourteen (14) year old female. Warren County Prosecutor's Office Special Victim's Unit and Phillipsburg Police Department initiated an undercover investigation, with the assistance of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Cyber Crimes Unit.

On September 1, 2022, Tedeschi began to communicate with undercover officers from Warren County Prosecutor's Office, with the intent that he was communicating with a fourteen (14) year old female. During those communications, Tedeschi agreed to meet with the undercover officer posing as a fourteen (14) year old female at a predetermined location. At that time, Tedeschi was taken into custody by law enforcement. See attached Affidavit of Probable Cause for additional details.

Tedeschi was charged with the following:

- 1) Attempted Luring, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-1a(3) & 2C:13-6, 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.
- 2) Attempted Sexual Assault, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-1a(3) & 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) Attempted Endangering the Welfare of a Child, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-1a(3) & 2C:24-4a(2), 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.

- 4) Promoting Prostitution, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:34-1b(5), 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.

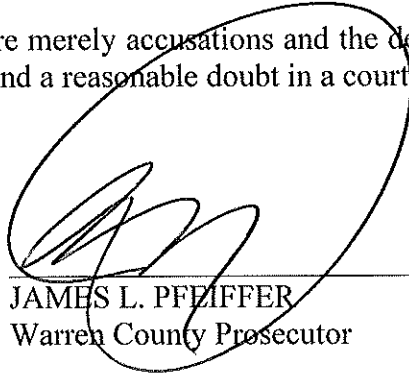
Tedeschi remains lodged in Warren County Jail. His first appearance in Warren County Superior Court was held on September 2, 2022.

Prosecutor James L. Pfeiffer would like to thank the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Special Victim's Unit and Cyber Crimes Unit, the Phillipsburg Police Department, and the New Jersey State Police Internet Crimes Against Children and Trafficking Central Units, 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: September 2, 2022



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