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PRESS RELEASE

Arrested: Douglas Soto
188 Bowers Avenue
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
Date of Birth: 9/16/99

Douglas Soto was arrested Tuesday, July 21, 2021. The complaint alleges that the defendant met the victim on Wizz App and further communicated with her on Snap Chat. Soto committed multiple acts of sexual penetration and sexual contact upon her when she was at least thirteen (13) years old but less than sixteen (16) years old while defendant was at least four years older than the victim. These acts are alleged to have occurred in Phillipsburg and Alpha, New Jersey. The child in question was known to the defendant. The crimes were discovered when the child disclosed the relationship to her parents.

Soto was charged with the following:

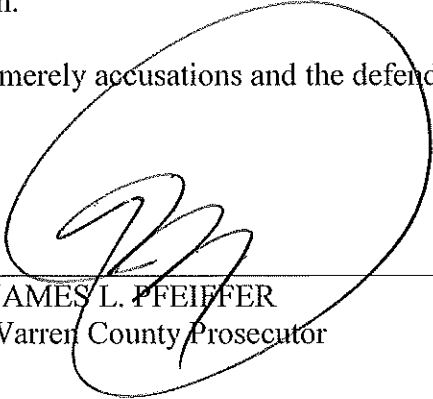
- 1) Two counts of Sexual Assault in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2C(4) a second degree offense. Each offense carries a maximum of ten (10) years in the New Jersey State Prison subject to the No Early Release Act which requires the defendant to serve 85% of the sentence prior to being eligible for parole.
- 2) Two counts of Criminal Sexual Contact in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-3B a fourth degree offense. Each offense carries a maximum of (18) eighteen months in New Jersey State Prison.
- 3) Two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4A(1) a third degree offense. Each offense carries a maximum of (5) five years in New Jersey State Prison.

Soto was transported to Warren County Jail. His first appearance in Warren County Superior Court occurred on July 21, 2021. Soto was released on conditions and his next court date is scheduled for September 3, 2021.

The Warren County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit along with the Phillipsburg Police Department conducted the investigation.

Please be advised that the charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Approved by:
Date: July 21, 2021



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