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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Arrested:**           **Thomas Strait**  
                          **41 Johnson Road**  
                          **Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840**

**Date of Birth:**       **April 22, 1985**

The above-named individual was arrested Sunday, June 2, 2019 on three (3) counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault (victim less than 13), in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2(A)1, one (1) count Sexual Assault by Contact, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2B and one (1) count Endangering the Welfare of a Child, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4A(1). Aggravated Sexual Assault is a First Degree Crime subject to life in New Jersey State Prison under the "Jessica Lunsford Act". Sexual Assault by Contact is punishable up to ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison and subject to the No Early Release Act whereby the defendant must serve 85% of his sentence being eligible for parole. Endangering the Welfare of a Child is a Second Degree Crimes punishable by up to ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison. All of these crimes are subject to Megan's Law Registration and Parole Supervision for Life.


The complaint alleges that the defendant committed multiple acts of sexual penetration upon a child, when said child was under thirteen (13) years old. The complaint also alleges that the defendant committed Sexual Assault by Contact with a child when said child was under thirteen (13) years old. The child in question was known to the defendant.

The defendant's first appearance will take place on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. The State filed a Motion for Pretrial Detention, which will also be heard on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. The defendant remains lodged at Warren County Correctional Center.

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

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

Approved by:

  
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**RICHARD T. BURKE**  
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Date: June 10, 2019

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Arrested:** Cody Ringwald  
41 Johnson Road  
Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840

**Date of Birth:** August 28, 1985

The above-named individual was arrested Tuesday, June 4, 2019 on one (1) count of Aggravated Sexual Assault (victim less than 13) as an accomplice, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2(A)1, one (1) count Sexual Assault by Contact as an accomplice, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2B and one (1) count Endangering the Welfare of a Child as an accomplice, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4A(1). Aggravated Sexual Assault is a First Degree Crime subject to life in New Jersey State Prison under the "Jessica Lunsford Act". Sexual Assault by Contact is punishable up to ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison and subject to the No Early Release Act whereby the defendant must serve 85% of his sentence being eligible for parole. Endangering the Welfare of a Child is a Second Degree Crimes punishable by up to ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison. All of these crimes are subject to Megan's Law Registration and Parole Supervision for Life.

The complaint alleges that the defendant knowingly observed Thomas Strait commit acts of sexual penetration upon a child less than thirteen and failed to prevent the commission of these offenses when she had a legal duty to do so. The child in question was known to the defendant.

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RICHARD T. BURKE  
Warren County Prosecutor

Date: June 10, 2019