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STATE V. MICHAEL A. ROMIG

**INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (ICAC) INVESTIGATION:
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP, CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

In October of 2024, members of the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit initiated an investigation after being notified by the Columbus Ohio Police Department that an individual located in Cumberland County was soliciting and engaging in sharing Child Sex Abuse Material (CSAM) with a ten year old female over social media.

Through investigation, ICAC Unit Detectives were able to identify Michael A. Romig, age 29 of Doris Drive, Commercial Township as a suspect and learned that the defendant was talking on Snapchat with juvenile females (appearing to be between ages 10 – 15 years of age) on several accounts. On December 13, 2024, the ICAC Unit arrested and charged Michael A. Romig with the following criminal charges:

-Possessing, viewing or having under his control less than 1,000 items depicting the sexual exploitation or abuse of a child specifically by possessing 276 files (specifically 16 photos and 26 videos) in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4(b)(5)(b)(iii), a third degree crime;

-Causing or permitting a child to engage in a prohibited sexual act or in the simulation of such an act or to be portrayed in a sexually suggestive manner, specifically by instructing juvenile victims how he wanted them to take explicit photos of themselves in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4(b)(3), a first degree crime; and

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-Engaging in sexual conduct which would impair or debauch the morals of a child specifically by sending explicit photos to juveniles in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4(a)(1), a third degree crime.

Romig has been lodged in the Cumberland County Jail on these charges. The State will be moving for pretrial detention pending trial.

Anyone who believes that may have information relevant to this investigation or any matter involving the exploitation of a child is asked to contact ICAC Detective K. Mecouch of the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office at 856-332-4379. Anyone wishing to share information anonymously may contact CCPO.TIPS online via smartphone, tablet or computer.