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Cape May Court House, New Jersey — Jeffrey H. Sutherland, Prosecutor of Cape May County Prosecutor's Office announces the arrest of Shaun M. Stebbins, 44, of Somers Point, New Jersey, following a months long investigation into allegations of sexual assault and child sexual abuse material.

In April of 2026, the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office was notified by the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office and the Somers Point Police Department who stated they were investigating a sexual assault investigation involving Shaun Stebbins which revealed crimes also occurring in Cape May County. The Cape May County Prosecutor's Office initiated an investigation into Stebbins, working together with the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office and Somers Point Police Department. The search of Shaun Stebbins' devices revealed numerous images and videos of students from the Woodbine Elementary School in Cape May County. Shaun Stebbins was employed at Woodbine Elementary School as a teacher's aide from February of 2022 to the date of his arrest in Atlantic County on March 29, 2026.

As a result of the investigation, on October 30, 2026, Shaun M. Stebbins was charged with twenty-nine (29) counts of Manufacturing Child Pornography, a crime of the first degree; five (5) counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault, a crime of the first degree; thirteen (13) counts of Sexual Assault by Sexual Contact; a crime of the second degree; and fourteen (14) counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child; a crime of the second degree. Stebbins remains in the Atlantic County Correctional Facility pending court proceedings.

Under New Jersey law, a person convicted of a first-degree crime may face a term of 10-20 years in New Jersey State Prison. A person convicted of a second-degree crime typically carries a sentencing range of 5 to 10 years in New Jersey State Prison.

Prosecutor Sutherland states, "Children are among our most vulnerable population and we have a responsibility to protect their safety and well-being. Anyone who harms a child will be held accountable through our justice system."

This investigation remains ongoing, and Prosecutor Sutherland is asking anyone with information related to this case to contact the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit at (609) 465-1135 or anonymously on the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office website at **cmcpo.tips.**

**Any charges are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.*