

Ocean County Man Arrested for Sexual Assault of a Victim Under 16 Years Old

PLEASANTVILLE, NJ – On Friday, March 13, 2026, James Hadley, 66, of Barnegat (Ocean County), NJ, was arrested on charges of second-degree sexual assault of a victim under the age of 16, second-degree luring a minor to commit a sexual act, third-degree endangering the welfare of a child, and fourth-degree criminal sexual contact based on at least three incidents this month.

Earlier in the day, March 13, 2026, Hadley travelled from Ocean County to Pleasantville, NJ, to meet a juvenile to engage in a sexual act. Upon his arrival at the predetermined destination, Hadley was arrested by detectives from the Pleasantville Police Department and Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office's Special Victims Unit before he could meet with the child.

The investigation showed Hadley had previously met the child on at least two prior occasions to engage in sexual acts that he paid the child to perform.

The incident was investigated by the Pleasantville Police Department with assistance from the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office's Special Victims Unit. The Prosecutor's Office has filed a motion for pre-trial detention which is tentatively scheduled for this upcoming week. The investigation remains open.

***** These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. *****

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