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## RIVER EDGE, NJ MAN CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTION AND POSSESSION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL

Bergen County Prosecutor Mark Musella announced the arrest of ANDREW C. BAKER, 22, of River Edge, NJ, on charges of distribution and possession of child sexual abuse material. The arrest is the result of an investigation conducted by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office under the direction of Chief Matthew Finck.

On Friday, October 18, 2024, members of the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Cyber Crimes Unit executed a search warrant at the residence of ANDREW C. BAKER during the course of an Internet child sexual abuse material investigation. The investigation revealed that BAKER used the Internet to view, download, possess, distribute, and share items depicting nude and/or sexually explicit prepubescent and pubescent children.

As a result of the investigation, ANDREW C. BAKER was arrested on Friday, October 18, 2024, in Paramus, NJ and charged with second-degree distribution of child pornography, N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4(b)5(a)(i); and third-degree possession of child pornography, N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4(b)5(b)(iii). BAKER was remanded to the Bergen County Jail pending a first appearance in Bergen County Superior Court in Hackensack, NJ.

Prosecutor Musella states that the charges are merely accusations and that the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Prosecutor Musella thanks the River Edge Police Department and New York City Police Department for their assistance, as well as the Saddle River, Washington Township, Hasbrouck Heights, and Woodcliff Lake Police Departments, which all participate in the Bergen County Cyber Crimes Task Force.

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