



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **PERSON INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTING SEXUALLY EXPLICIT "CHATS" WITH CHILDREN**

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY: April 6, 2010

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes, Esq., announces the indictment of 41 year-old Wall Township, New Jersey resident, Joseph Ambrosio. The indictment was returned today by a Passaic County Grand Jury on 17 counts.

Mr. Ambrosio, who was employed as an Assistant Comptroller for Jersey City, was indicted for one count of Attempted Sexual Assault, a crime of the second degree; one count of Official Misconduct, a crime of the second degree; three counts of Luring or Enticing a Child, crimes of the second degree; ten counts of Attempted Endangering the Welfare of a Child, crimes of the third degree, and two counts of Attempted Criminal Sexual Contact, a crime of the fourth degree.

The Attempted Sexual Assault, Official Misconduct, and Luring or Enticing a Child charges each carry a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in the New Jersey State Prison. The Endangering the Welfare of a Child charges each carry a maximum sentence of up to five years in the New Jersey State Prison. The Attempted Criminal Sexual Contact charges each carry a maximum sentence of up to 18 months in New Jersey State Prison.

The allegations described in the indictment involve criminal conduct occurring in Passaic County, Morris County, Hudson County, and Burlington County.

The joint investigation was conducted by the Passaic County Sheriff's Department, Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, and the Morris County Prosecutor's Office.

The Burlington County Prosecutor's Office, Hudson County Prosecutor's Office, Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office, Bayonne Police Department and Jersey City Police Department provided assistance during the investigation.

Investigators from the various law enforcement agencies, acting in an undercover capacity, posed as female children in an online chat room. Joseph Ambrosio engaged the female "children" in sexually explicit chats.

Mr. Ambrosio was arrested on November 13, 2009 at 7:10 a.m. near his residence located in Wall Township. At that time Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes, Esq., Passaic County Sheriff Jerry Speziale and Morris County Prosecutor Robert A. Bianchi, Esq. jointly stated:

"This arrest is an example of how interagency collaboration throughout the state can have positive impact upon law enforcement. We are committed and unified in our mission to protect our youth and to vigorously investigate and prosecute those persons who attempt to cause them harm."

The defendant, Mr. Ambrosio, has been released on \$100,000 bail.

Any inquiries may be directed to Passaic County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Joseph A. Del Russo. He can be reached at 973-837-7636 or [jdelrusso@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:jdelrusso@passaiccountynj.org).

**A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite this accusation, the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.**