



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **CAMP COUNSELOR ARRESTED FOR SEX WITH CHILDREN**

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**WEST MILFORD, NEW JERSEY:** October 14, 2010

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announced the arrest today of 23 year old Jessica Fenton of Charlestown, Rhode Island. Ms. Fenton has been charged with sexually assaulting two children, ages 16 and 17, during a camping trip in West Milford, New Jersey at the Wildcat Mountain Wilderness Center. Ms. Fenton was a "field instructor" employed by the Project U.S.E educational program.

The complaint alleges 2 counts of sexual assault. Each count is a second degree crime carrying a maximum sentence of up to ten years in prison.

The two alleged victims were among six boys participating in an overnight educational camping trip between August 7 and August 8, 2010. Ms. Fenton allegedly engaged in sexual relations with two of the boys in her tent after the other counselors had gone to sleep. The assaults were discovered after one of the boys confided in another adult who had been on the trip.

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

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