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DOWNINGTOWN MAN CHARGED WITH 100 COUNTS OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

The Chester County District Attorney's Office announces the arrest of Daniel Gaudiello, age 45, of Downingtown, on 50 counts of Dissemination of Child Pornography, 50 counts of Child Pornography, and Criminal Use of a Communications Facility after Chester County Detectives found him in possession of over 200 images of child pornography. The defendant is an employee of the Philadelphia School District.

DA Deb Ryan said, "It is sickening to think of the innocent young children who were posed and photographed to satisfy the degenerate behavior of the defendant and others like him. The sexual abuse of children happens far too frequently in Chester County, and my office is determined to put a stop to it. I ask that people sign up for a Stewards of Children virtual workshop to learn how to recognize, react to, and prevent child abuse by emailing County Coordinator Kate Walters at kwalters@chesco.org."

The allegations in the complaint are the following¹:

In May 2021, Chester County Detectives received information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and the Delaware County

¹ A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force that 145 images of child pornography were uploaded to an internet provider. The images had been sent to and from a Yahoo email address between February 2019 and April 2021 and showed naked prepubescent females between six and ten years of age in sexually suggestive dress and poses.

Detectives traced the IP address to the defendant's home in Downingtown, where a search warrant was executed on May 19, 2021. A computer forensic examination of the computers and thumb drives seized during the search revealed more than 200 images depicting child pornography which the defendant had uploaded and distributed through the internet.

The defendant was released on \$100,000 unsecured bail. His preliminary hearing is set for July 21, 2021, before Magisterial Judge Jeffrey Valocchi.

Chester County Detectives are investigating. Christine Abatemarco is the assigned prosecutor.

If you suspect child abuse, call Childline at 1-800-932-0313.

ICAC provides personnel and funding for investigations related to the exploitation of children on the Internet. ICAC is funded through a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, based in Washington, DC. In Chester County, the ICAC Task Force comprises investigators from Chester County Detectives and local municipalities.

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Approved for release by Deborah Ryan, District Attorney