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Last month I released a Public Service Announcement outlining the dangers our children face when using the Internet together with recommendations on how parents can help protect their children from online predators. In today's digital environment the dangers presented by online predators cannot be understated.

Since 8/2002, over 2000 ICAC investigation through this office regarding online child predators and persons accused of sexually abusing children.

These investigations have resulted in nearly 350 convictions. In the last two weeks alone, my Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force arrested two individuals intent on molesting children they met over the Internet.

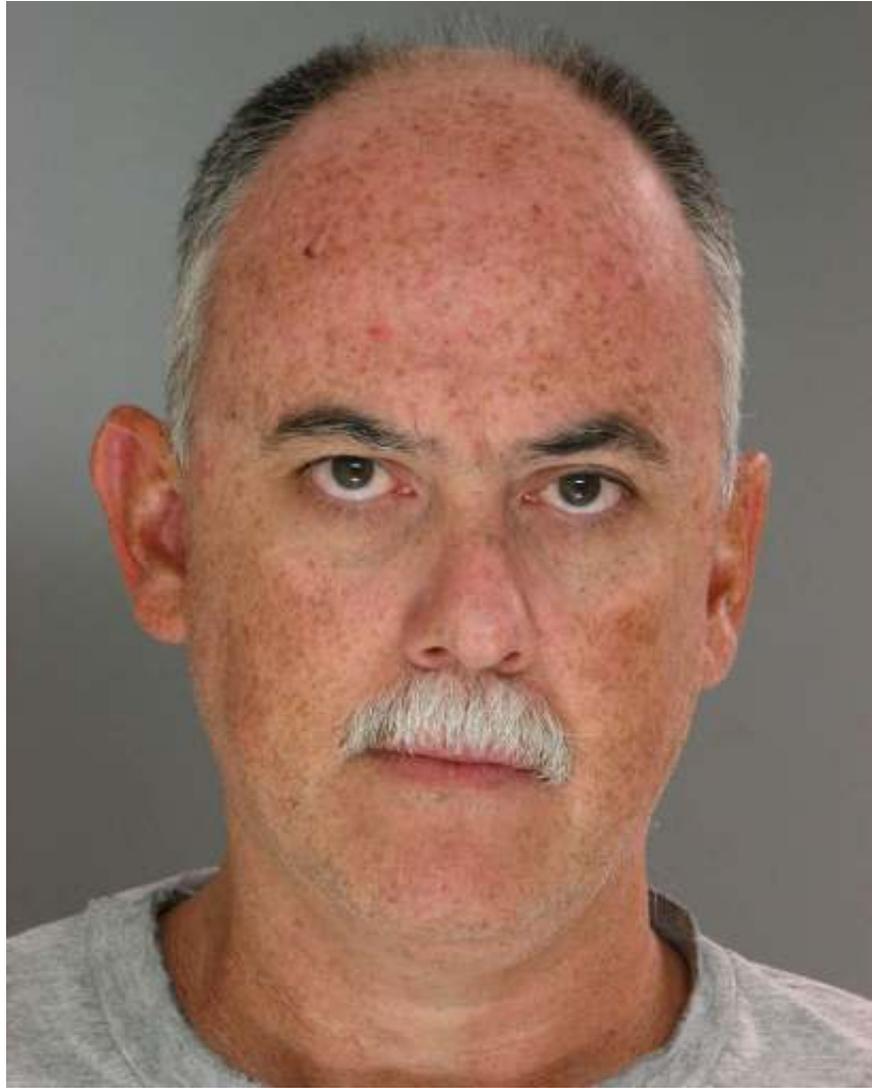
On June 26, Michael David Tedesco, age 34, from Williamstown, New Jersey, was arrested by Delaware County CID Detective Michelle Deery on charges of Criminal Attempt to commit Rape, Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse, Aggravated Indecent Assault, and related offenses. Mr. Tedesco was arrested upon the conclusion of an undercover online investigation during which Detective Deery was purporting to be a mother of two young girls. The objective of Mr. Tedesco's criminal activity was to have sexual intercourse with an 11 year old and felatio with a 14 year old. Mr. Tedesco offered to pay a woman he believed to be the mother of these children \$500.00 to facilitate his crimes.

In an unrelated matter, Steven James Devlin, age 49, from the 5000 Block of Brittany Lane, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, was arrested this morning by Delaware County CID Detective Lisa Carroll. Like Mr. Tedesco, Mr. Devlin has been charged with Criminal Attempt to Commit Rape, Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse, Aggravated Indecent Assault, and related offenses. Mr. Devlin was also arrested upon the conclusion of an undercover online investigation involving an undercover officer purporting to be a mother of young children wherein Devlin solicited sexual activity involving minor children and attempted to make personal contact with those

children in Delaware County. It is believed that Mr. Devlin communicated with the undercover officer via the computer from his office at Lehigh University, where he serves as Vice Provost of Institutional Research.



Michael Tedesco



Steven Devlin