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Long Branch Teacher Arrested for Attempted Endangering the Welfare of a Child

A 65-year-old science teacher at Long Branch Middle School was arrested this morning and charged with one count of third-degree attempted endangering the welfare of a child, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Jesse Rosenbaum was taken into custody during a motor vehicle stop near his home in Manalapan by detectives with the prosecutor's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit and Special Victims Unit (SVU). He is being held in the Mercer County Correction Center pending a detention hearing.

Rosenbaum was the subject of a recent ICAC investigation into the sexual exploitation of children online. The investigation revealed he was soliciting underage males online to participate in sexual acts and also sexual conversation. The complaint alleges Rosenbaum engaged in sexually explicit emails, text messages and phone conversations with an individual he believed to be a 14-year-old male.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information on this investigation should contact Sgt. Joe Paglione of the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit at (609) 273-0065.

Prosecutor Onofri also urged anyone with information about suspected improper contact by unknown persons communicating with children via the internet or possible exploitation or sexual abuse of children to please contact his Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit at 609-989-6568 or the New Jersey Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force tipline at 888-648-6007.

Third-degree crimes carry a sentence of three to five years in state prison and a fine of up to \$15,000.

Despite having been charged, all persons are presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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Jesse Rosenbaum