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Mercer County Prosecutor's Internet Crimes Against Children Unit Arrests Monroe Township Man

Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported today that an investigation into online child exploitation has resulted in the arrest of a Monroe Township man.

Jose Sanchez, 58, of Monroe, NJ, is charged with third-degree possession of child pornography and second-degree file sharing of child pornography. The prosecutor's office has filed a motion to detain Sanchez pending trial.

In September 2022, detectives with the prosecutor's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit received information from the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office that an individual in Mercer County was uploading child pornography. An investigation was initiated and on October 7, 2022, detectives with ICAC executed a search warrant at a residence in West Windsor. It was determined that Sanchez, a music instructor who provides lessons to children from a private studio in West Windsor, was viewing and sharing child pornography. Sanchez was arrested without incident and his electronic devices were seized for forensic examination.

Second-degree crimes carry a sentence of five to 10 years in state prison and a fine of up to \$150,000. Third-degree crimes carry a sentence of three to five years in state prison and a fine of up to \$15,000.

Prosecutor Onofri 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 tip line at 888-648-6007.

Despite having been charged, every defendant is presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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Jose Sanchez