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Mercer County Prosecutor's Internet Crimes Against Children Unit Arrests Trenton Man for Distributing Child Sexual Abuse Material

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

Mouhamadou Ndiour, 19, is charged with one count of first-degree distribution of child sexual abuse material (CSAM), one count of first-degree possession with the intent to distribute CSAM and one count of second-degree possession of CSAM. The complaint alleges he knowingly possessed and distributed more than 1,000 items depicting the sexual exploitation or abuse of a child. The prosecutor's office has filed a motion to detain Ndiour pending trial.

Detectives with the prosecutor's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit recently received information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that an individual in Mercer County was distributing items that portrayed the sexual exploitation or abuse of a child. An investigation was initiated and Ndiour was identified as a subject.

On Thursday, January 18, 2024, members of the Mercer County Tactical Response Team, with assistance from the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office and Homeland Security Investigations Trenton, executed a search warrant at Ndiour's Trenton residence, where detectives seized multiple items of evidentiary value. Ndiour was taken into custody without incident.

First-degree crimes carry a sentence of 10 to 20 years in state prison and a fine of up to \$200,000. Second-degree crimes carry a sentence of five to 10 years in state prison and a fine of up to \$150,000.

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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