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PRESS RELEASE

**Politician Charged
With Possession of Child Pornography**

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan announced the arrest of Warren Reynolds for possession of child pornography. The defendant was arrested following an investigation by the Pennsylvania State Police. Reynolds was a New Garden Township Supervisor when the investigation uncovered the child pornography.

District Attorney Hogan stated, "Child pornography is another link in the chain of depravity that binds victims of child abuse. Anybody who possesses or distributes child pornography is helping to support the sexual abuse of defenseless kids."

Captain William White of the Pennsylvania State Police stated, "The Pennsylvania State Police aggressively investigates child pornography allegations. State Police investigators in conjunction with the District Attorney's Child Abuse Unit are committed to prosecuting anyone engaging in the exploitation of children through pornography."

The defendant is 51 years old. He is a resident of New Garden Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. He was an elected supervisor of New Garden Township. Following the police investigation, the defendant resigned his position.

The allegations of the criminal complaint are as follows:¹

On April 22, 2013, the defendant's wife called in a computer technician to service a home computer. The computer was located in the defendant's home office. The computer technician found numerous child pornography images on the computer. Some of the files had been accessed the previous day. The defendant's wife confirmed that the defendant had been home working on the computer during the time when the child pornography images were accessed.

The computer technician reported what he found to the Pennsylvania State Police. The police executed a search warrant at the defendant's home.

During the search warrant, the police recovered multiple computers, external hard drives, floppy disks, compact disks, VHS tapes, reels of film, photo slides, a video camera, printed images of adults sexually assaulting children, and a pair of children's underwear. The disks and files were labeled with titles commonly associated with child pornography, such as "Age 06," "The Early Stuff," "Baby J," and more explicit titles.

A PSP Trooper who is trained and experienced in identifying child pornography reviewed the seized items. The Trooper identified over 500 images of child pornography, including both video and still images. The images include children as young as three years old, include both girls and boys, and depict children engaged in sexual acts with adults and other children.

The defendant is charged with 500 counts of Sexual Abuse of Children – Possession of Child Pornography and one count of Criminal Use of a Communication Facility. All of the charges are felonies.

District Attorney Hogan added, "Whatever your position in life, possession of child pornography is a one-way ticket to arrest, prosecution, and shame. If we catch you with child porn, nobody will ever forget your name or your offense. Do not view child pornography, do not download child pornography, and do not aid and abet in this cycle of abuse."

¹ A criminal defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

This case was investigated by the Pennsylvania State Police. Prosecutor Deborah Ryan of the District Attorney's Child Abuse Unit has been assigned to prosecute the case.

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Approved for release:

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