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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Two Men Arrested in Chester County for  
Sex Trafficking and Child Pornography**

The Chester County District Attorney's Office and Willistown Township Police Department announced the arrest of defendants Lawrence Jamieson, Jr. and John C. Brown on charges of sex trafficking, child pornography, sexual assault, conspiracy, and related charges.

Chester County District Attorney Hogan stated, "This case shows the full developmental cycle of child predators. They start with possession of child pornography. They next move to creating and distributing child pornography. Finally, they take the ultimate step to sexually assaulting and even trafficking children. Each act is a link in the chain of misery that is child sexual abuse."

Willistown Police Chief John Narcise stated, "Even after decades of serving in law enforcement, the scope and nature of these crimes are staggering. I have never seen as large a trove of child pornography in the history of Chester County, and the rest of the conduct is unspeakable. I do not know what kind of a depraved mind could possibly enjoy this sickening abuse of innocent children."

Defendant Lawrence Jamieson is 57 years old. He resided at 25 Laurel Circle, Willistown Township, Malvern, Pennsylvania. He is 6'2" and 230 pounds. He runs a construction company.

Defendant John Brown is 25 years old. He resided at 1521 West Main Street, Norristown, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. He is 5'10" and 220 pounds. He works for a tire company.

The facts alleged in the criminal complaints are as follows:<sup>1</sup>

On August 1, 2016, the Willistown Police Department received a report about child sexual abuse. The police initiated an investigation of defendants Jamieson and Brown.

Based on information received in the investigation, the police obtained a search warrant for Jamieson's residence. During that search, police recovered approximately 1,000 DVDs, thumb drives, and other electronic storage devices. The storage devices had titles such as: "Asian 4 yo"; "ymmiss - 7 yo"; and "Roxanne 13 yo". Such titles are normally associated with child pornography.

The police conducted an initial review of Jamieson's storage devices. They discovered that the devices contained over 50,000 images and videos. At least 5,000 of the images and videos depict naked children, sexually explicit images of children, and adults sexually assaulting children. One of the recovered images lists the name of a girl and a local high school.

The police also conducted a forensic interview of the juvenile female victim, others interviews, and a review of electronic devices. As a result, they discovered the full scope of the operations of the defendants.

Jamieson introduced the victim to Brown in 2015. The victim was 15 years old. Jamieson and Brown told the victim that Brown was a 17 year old cyber school student. Brown actually was 23 years old at the time. Brown changed his appearance to look younger. Jamieson and Brown had agreed on this cover story in order to lure the victim into a relationship.

Brown entered into a sexual relationship with the victim. Jamieson and Brown then both began engaging in sexual activity with the victim. They took pictures and videos of this sexual activity, stored these electronic records, and exchanged them via text messages and email. This conduct took place at multiple locations in Willistown Township, Chester County, and Conshohocken,

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<sup>1</sup> A criminal defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

Montgomery County. The crimes began in 2015 and continued through July of 2016.

The defendants both were arrested. The charges against them include sex trafficking in minors, sexual abuse of children for creating and possessing child pornography, sexual assault, conspiracy, and related charges. Both defendants were committed to Chester County Prison after failing to post bail.

District Attorney Hogan added, "Evil exists, even in places we least expect it. We are concerned that there may be other victims out there. Anybody with information about either Lawrence Jamieson or John Brown should contact the Willistown Township Police Department immediately."

Anybody with information may contact Willistown Detective Steve Jones at 610-251-0222.

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Approved for release:

Thomas P. Hogan