



# BCPO News

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## **Medford Man Charged with Exposing Himself to Kids, Possession of Child Pornography**

Burlington County Prosecutor Scott Coffina and Medford Township Police Chief Richard J. Meder announced today that a 32-year-old township man has been charged with possession of child pornography and also with exposing himself on multiple occasions to children passing by his residence.

Christopher J. Atkins, 32, of the first block of Friar Tuck Drive, was charged with one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child (Third Degree) for possessing child pornography, and nine counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child (Third Degree) and Lewdness (Fourth Degree) for exposing himself.

Atkins was released this afternoon following an appearance in Superior Court in Mount Holly. He was ordered to have no contact with the victims or other minors, and forbidden to use the internet or social media. The case will now be prepared for presentation to a Burlington County Grand Jury for possible indictment.

The investigation revealed that on multiple occasions between September and November 2018, Atkins would stand partially or fully nude near a window or inside of the front door of his house while children passed by outside. During one instance in October, Atkins ran outside nude while a girl was walking her dog.

The exposure investigation was conducted by detectives from the Medford Township Police Department.

The investigation into the possession of child pornography began after the BCPO High-Tech Crimes Unit received information regarding Atkins' online activity from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The investigation revealed that Atkins utilized a visual search engine to locate and download images of child pornography.

Atkins was taken into custody yesterday following the execution of a search warrant at his residence, during which several electronic devices were seized. A preliminary review of the devices by High-Tech Crimes Unit detectives revealed multiple child pornography files.

The child pornography investigation was conducted by the BCPO High-Tech Crimes Unit, with assistance from United States Homeland Security Investigations – Cherry Hill Office, and the New Jersey State Police Digital Technology Investigations Unit. The lead investigator is BCPO Detective Jennifer Applemann.

The Prosecutor's Office High-Tech Crimes Unit is a member of the New Jersey State Police Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and the New Jersey State Police Cyber Terrorism Task Force.

*All persons are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*