

## **BCPO** News



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## **Mount Laurel Police Officer Charged in Hacking Case**

Burlington County Prosecutor LaChia L. Bradshaw and Evesham Township Police Chief Walt Miller announced that a Mount Laurel police officer has been charged with hacking into the social media accounts of an Evesham woman and distributing nude pictures she took of herself to those on her contact and friends lists.

Ayron Taylor, 22, of Delran, was charged with three counts of Computer Crime (one Second Degree, two Third Degree), two counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child (one Second Degree, one Third Degree) and Invasion of Privacy (Third Degree).

The investigation began last month after the victim contacted the Evesham Township Police Department and reported that her Snapchat and Facebook accounts had been accessed by an unknown person who then sent nude photos she had taken of herself to her Snapchat contacts, messaged them to her Facebook friends, and posted them on her Facebook wall.

Communications Data Warrants were secured, and the investigation revealed Taylor had illegally accessed the accounts and distributed the photos. The Endangering the Welfare of a Child charges were brought against Taylor because some of the photos he sent of the victim were taken when she was a minor.

Taylor was arrested on October 21 and lodged in the Burlington County Jail in Mount Holly. He was released following a first appearance in Superior Court.

Taylor became a full-time police officer with the Mount Laurel Police Department after graduating from the academy in October 2021. He has been suspended without pay and the department is seeking to terminate his employment.

The investigation, which is continuing, is being conducted by the BCPO High-Tech Crimes Unit and the Evesham Township Police Department. The lead investigator is ETPD Detective Christopher DeFrancesco, who is assigned to the BCPO High-Tech Crimes Unit as a Task Force Officer.

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