



BCPO News



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Mount Holly Man Charged with Having Sex with Minor Girl

Burlington County Prosecutor LaChia L. Bradshaw and Mount Holly Township Police Department Acting Chief Clifford C. Spencer announced that a 44-year-old Mount Holly man has been charged with having sexual intercourse with an underage female over an extended period.

Shawn R. Tracey, 44, of the first block of Parkers Mill Boulevard, was charged yesterday with 10 counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault (First Degree), 13 counts of Debauching the Morals of a Child (Second Degree), two counts of Sexual Assault (Second Degree) and one count of Showing Obscene Material to a Minor (Third Degree).

Tracey, who is a deacon at Burlington Seventh-day Adventist Church in Burlington City, was taken into custody Tuesday at the Prosecutor's Office in Mount Holly. He was lodged in the Burlington County Jail pending a detention hearing in Superior Court.

The first-degree charges filed against Tracey apply to a victim under 13 years of age. Additional details are being withheld to protect the identity of the victim. The criminal complaint was sealed by a Superior Court judge.

The investigation began earlier this week after state authorities were notified of potential sexual abuse committed by Tracey against the victim. The investigation revealed that the sexual abuse occurred over a two-year period at multiple locations in Burlington County.

Anyone who has reason to believe Tracey may have had sexual contact with other children is asked to call the Prosecutor's Office at 609-265-5035 and ask to speak with a detective in the Special Victims Unit. Information can also be sent online to tips@co.burlington.nj.us.

The investigation was conducted by investigators from the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit with assistance from the Mount Holly Township Police Department. The lead investigator is BCPO Detective Michele Ragone. The case will be prosecuted by BCPO Assistant Prosecutor Stephen Eife, supervisor of the Special Victims Unit.

Defendants are considered innocent unless and until found guilty in a court of law.

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