



# Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office

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## **Old Bridge man charged with endangerment, promoting prostitution**

Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce J. Kaplan and Old Bridge Police Chief William Volkert today announced the arrest of a township man on charges that he showed pornographic images to a 14-year-old boy and offered the child money for a sexual favor.

Robert MacDonald, (DOB 7/6/48) of Harding Road in the Laurence Harbor section of the township, was arrested at his home on February 9, 2011, and was charged with endangering the welfare of a child and promoting prostitution.

MacDonald was arrested and charged following an investigation by Detective Michael Machen of the Old Bridge Police Department and Investigator Karleen Duca of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office.

The investigation determined that the 14-year-old boy was visiting MacDonald at his home when the defendant showed pornography to the youngster and solicited a sex act for money.

The child declined and left the home. Authorities subsequently were notified and initiated the investigation.

MacDonald is being held at the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center in North Brunswick. Superior Court Judge Bradley Ferencz set bail at \$50,000 with the provision that the defendant have no contact with the victim and no unsupervised contact with children under the age of 16.

Anyone with information on this, or similar incidents, is asked to call Detective Machen of the Old Bridge Police Department at (732) 721-5600, or Investigator Duca of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office at (732) 745-3600.

As is the case with all criminal defendants, the charges against MacDonald are merely accusations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

