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MAYS LANDING – A 20-year-old Hamilton Township man was arrested and charged Monday in connection with contact with a teenage girl on MySpace and Facebook, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Steven Jankiewicz turned himself in to the Prosecutor's Office Monday morning. He was charged with one count of third-degree obscenity and one count of fourth-degree criminal coercion.

It is alleged that Jankiewicz posted naked photographs of a person under 18-years of age on the social networking site MySpace. He further used MySpace and Facebook as tools to threaten the underage victim into providing naked pictures of herself.

The victim reported the threats to the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Computer Crimes Unit in December, which led to the two-month long investigation.

Detective Christopher Hallet conducted the investigation under the Supervision of Computer Crimes Unit Detective Sgt. Thomas Finan.

*****These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.**

Anyone with information involving serious crimes is asked to call the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office at 609-909-7800 or go to the Prosecutor's Office Web site at <http://www.acpo.org/tips.html> and provide information by filling out the form anonymously on the Submit a Tip page. People can also call Crime Stoppers at 609-652-1234 or 1-800-658-8477 (TIPS). Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.