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MAYS LANDING – A Middlesex County man pled guilty to one count of third-degree child luring in connection with arranging a meeting with a 14-year-old girl he met in an Internet chat room. The “girl” turned out to be a County Detective, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced Monday.

Brian Sharkey, 28, of Metuchen, admitted that on April 7, 2008, he traveled to the Mays landing section of Hamilton Township to meet with a “girl” whom he believed to be under the age of 16 to engage in sexual acts, Assistant Prosecutor Donna Fetzer, who handled the State’s case, said. Instead, Sharkey was met by Prosecutor’s Office Computer Crimes Unit detectives and charged with the crime. He was lodged in the Atlantic County Justice Facility on \$75,000 cash or bond bail and later released on bail.

The defendant will be sentenced April 17, 2009 at the Court’s discretion before Superior Court Judge Albert Garofolo. Sharkey faces three to five years in State Prison. He also will be sentenced as a Megan’s offender.

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