

ATLANTIC COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

4997 Unami Boulevard, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Theodore F. L. Housel
Prosecutor

NEWS RELEASE

For immediate release
March 17, 2009
1 Page(s)

For further information contact:
Madelaine Vitale 609-909 -7855
or 609-457-7359

MAYS LANDING – A Camden County man was arrested and charged Tuesday for allegedly making Internet contact with an undercover detective posing as a 14-year-old girl, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Vipulkumar Patel, 32, of Lindenwold, was charged with second-degree attempted sexual assault and second-degree child luring, Prosecutor Housel stated.

Patel allegedly had several conversations with the “girl” online between the dates of March 3 and today about sexual acts he wanted to do with “her.” A week ago he spoke with the “child” about meeting her in Hamilton Township where he would pick her up and take her back to his home to have sex. Instead of meeting the “girl” he was met by members of the Prosecutor’s Computer Crimes Unit and arrested Tuesday morning, Assistant Prosecutor Donna Fetzer, assigned to the Computer Crimes Unit, stated.

Patel was arrested without incident and transported to the Atlantic County Justice Facility in lieu of \$75,000 cash or bond, Fetzer said.

*****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.