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MAYS LANDING – An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted a Gloucester County man on multiple charges including endangering the welfare of a child, attempted sexual assault and attempted sexual contact, for engaging in sexually explicit conversations and sending sexually explicit Web cam videos of himself to a Prosecutor's Office detective posing as a 14-year-old girl, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced today.

It is alleged that James Norton, 41, had at least nine sexually explicit conversations in an Internet chat room between July 1 and July 27, 2009. In addition, Norton, of Sewell, allegedly sent five videos of himself to the undercover detective. Prosecutor's Office Computer Crimes Unit detectives arrested Norton at his home on July 28. He was transported to the Atlantic County Justice Facility where bail was set at \$150,000 cash or bond. Norton was released on bail the following month, according to Assistant Prosecutor Janet Gravitz, who presented the case to the Grand Jury yesterday afternoon.

*****The indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.**

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) or visit the Crime Stoppers Website at <http://www.crimestoppersatlantic.com/>. Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.