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MAYS LANDING— Authorities charged a 35-year-old Margate man this afternoon with one count of second-degree sexual assault and one count of second-degree luring for an alleged assault on a 10-year-old girl who was on her way to school in Linwood this morning, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel stated.

Paul C. Campo, of 505 North Delavan Avenue, allegedly lured the child, whose name is not being released due to the nature of the crime, between houses on Forest Drive toward the rear of a Linwood home. It is further alleged that Campo exposed and fondled himself and grabbed the child. The child was able to break free from his grasp and she immediately notified teachers when she arrived at school, Prosecutor Housel stated.

Linwood Police took Campo into custody later in the day in Hamilton Township, Prosecutor Housel said.

Campo was taken to the Atlantic County Justice Facility in lieu of a blanket bail of \$500,000 full cash set by Superior Court Judge Nelson Johnson.

The investigation was conducted by the Linwood Police Department with the assistance of the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office.

Second-degree offenses carry penalties of up to 10 years in prison and \$100,000 in fines.

*****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.**

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information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.