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MAYS LANDING— An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted a man on numerous charges including second-degree sexual assault and second-degree luring, for an April 30 incident involving a 10-year-old girl who was on her way to school in Linwood, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced.

Paul Campo, 36, formerly of Margate, was also indicted on second-degree attempted aggravated sexual assault, third-degree endangering and one count of fourth-degree possession of child pornography based upon evidence seized from his laptop computer, according to Assistant Prosecutor Pamela K. D'Arcy who presented the case to the Grand Jury this morning.

On the morning of the incident Campo 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, pulling down her skirt. The child was able to break free from Campo and ride away on her bicycle; she immediately notified teachers when she arrived at school. Linwood Detective Sergeant John Hamilton took Campo into custody later that day, D'Arcy said.

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.

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

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