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MAYS LANDING— A Gloucester County man was sentenced today to three years in prison to be served at the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center at Avenel, for engaging in an auto-erotic act on a Web cam video and sending it to a Prosecutor's Office detective who was posing as a 14-year-old girl in 2009, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel said.

On July 27, 2009 James Norton, 42, of Sewell, chatted with a 14-year-old girl on the Internet, sent her a live video of himself and committing the act. He was indicted on Jan. 21, 2010. On June 30, 2010, Norton entered a guilty plea to one count of attempted sexual assault. During the plea hearing he admitting chatting with a girl and committing the crime, according to Assistant Prosecutor Janet Gravitz.

The treatment center is for people found to be repetitive and compulsive sex offenders. Norton was sentenced under the purview of the New Jersey Sex Offender Act, Gravitz said.

In addition to the sentence, Norton is subject to parole supervision for life and must register under Megan's Law.

Superior Court Judge Charles Middlesworth presided over the sentencing.

**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.**