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Suspect Arrested and Charged in Child Pornography Case

Nearly nine months ago the Massachusetts Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) received a National Center for Missing Exploited Children CyberTipline report which reported the upload of a child pornography to an internet website. After an extensive investigation by ICAC members from the Massachusetts State Police, the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office, and the Barnstable Police Department; a laptop computer belonging to Kevin McNicol (05/05/1988) of Hyannis, was seized. A forensic examination of that computer revealed several videos and images of young females being posed in states of nudity and engaged in sexual acts. These videos appeared to have been created during webcam chats McNicol was having with the young females. An attempt to identify the victims has recently produced a named victim that was able to be interviewed regarding this case. During the victim's interview she told investigators that 2 months after McNicol's computer had been seized in the search warrant, he had contacted her online and continued his efforts to entice her to take more pictures of herself to send to him.

As a result of the investigation and arrest warrant was issued for McNicol and he was taken into custody in North Weymouth on February 6. McNicol was taken into custody without incident and was held at the Barnstable Police Headquarters until arraignment this morning. McNicol was arraigned on charges of ***posing a child nude and engaged in sexual activity, possession of child pornography, disseminating obscene matter to minors, and videotaping a nude person without their knowledge.*** The Barnstable District Court placed a \$5,000 bail on McNicol, with several restrictions if bail is made.

If you have any questions regarding this press release please contact Detective Kevin Connolly at 508-778-3888 or connollyk@barnstablepolice.com