



Harford County Child Advocacy Center



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ABINGDON MAN CHARGED FOR DISTRIBUTION AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

(Abingdon, Maryland | February 26, 2019) – An Abingdon man has been charged after a Harford County Child Advocacy Center investigation developed evidence supporting charges of distribution and possession of child pornography.

The defendant is identified as Thomas Dewey, 51, of Abingdon, MD.

Investigators became involved after receiving a CyberTip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children regarding Dewey buying/selling items online that appeared to be child exploitative in nature. Investigation of that tip led to a search and seizure warrant at Dewey's residence. Investigators recovered items of personal electronics that contained large amounts of child pornography and evidence of distribution of child pornography. After the search, investigators interviewed Dewey who admitted to possession of child pornography.

Dewey was charged with one count of CHILD PORN PROMOTE/DISTRB (CR 11-207) and one count of POSSESS CHILD PORNOGRAPHY (CR 11-208).

Anyone with additional information relating to Dewey or this investigation is encouraged to contact the CAC.

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The **Harford County Child Advocacy Center** is the recognized community expert for Harford County, Maryland in the areas of child abuse, exploitation, and maltreatment. Through commitment, advocacy and collaboration they investigate, educate and serve to heal victims of child maltreatment and their families. Through outreach with their community they stop abuse when it happens and prevent abuse before it begins. The CAC's multidisciplinary team consists of members of the Harford County State's Attorney's Office, Harford County Department of Social Services, Harford County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, and the Aberdeen, Bel Air and Havre de Grace Police Departments. The CAC provides specialized medical evaluations and treatment through partnership with a local pediatrician and trauma-focused mental health services through partnership with Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland. For more information about the Harford County Child Advocacy Center, visit their website at www.harfordcac.org.



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