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PRESS RELEASE

07/08/2010 - Seneca County Sheriff's Investigators, after a five day intensive investigation have made an arrest in connection with a suspect alleged to have committed multiple acts of sexual abuse against a child. Earlier today, Sheriff's Investigators arrested Michael J. Lichak, Sr., age 72, of 5347 Route 96 in the Town of Varick, N.Y.

Lichak has been charged with:

- 1 count of Criminal Sexual Act in the First Degree. (B felony)
- 22 counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the Second Degree. (D Felonies)
- 1 count of Endangering the Welfare of a child as an ongoing course of conduct. (A Misdemeanor)
- 1 count of forcible touching. (A Misdemeanor)

It is alleged that Lichak engaged in sexual acts and activities with a male child starting when the child was 12 and continuing after the child turned 13. The abuse is believed to have continued for several months and occurred at locations in the Town of Varick. In addition Lichak is alleged to have forcibly touched an 18 year old male, in a sexual manner, on July 1st 2010 at a location in the Town of Varick

Sheriff's Investigators conducted multiple interviews in this case and executed a search warrant today at the Lichak's residence. Physical evidence including photographs, possible DNA evidence and other evidence was discovered during the search warrant.

At the time of this Press Release Lichak is in custody and awaiting arraignment on charges in the Town of Varick Court.

The investigation into this case is continuing... Anyone with information is requested to contact Investigator Stevens at the Seneca County Sheriff's Office Phone # 315-220-3442 or e-mail: jstevens@co.seneca.ny.us

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