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PRESS RELEASE

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Message: On November 09, 2009, William Scott Ritter JR, 47 years old, of Delmar, NY was arrested on a warrant issued by Barrett Township Police Department for sexual & internet related offenses.

The investigation into Ritter began on February 7, 2009, when Detective Ryan Venneman, was conducting undercover operations and investigating the crime of Internet sexual exploitation of children via the computer.

During the investigation Ritter's conversation was sexually explicit and Ritter sent the purported 15 year old minor a link to view his web camera while he masturbated.

Ritter was then notified he was actually communicating with an undercover police officer and was advised he was going to be arrested.

Ritter, being accompanied by Attorney Todd E Henry of Philadelphia turned himself in to the Barrett Township Police Department, in Cresco PA.

Ritter was arrested and arraigned on the charges of Unlawful Contact with a Minor, Criminal use of a communications facility, corruption of minors, indecent exposure, possessing instruments of crime, criminal attempt and criminal solicitation.

Magistrate John D Whitesell, then arraigned Ritter on the charges and bail was set at \$25,000 unsecured.

On Dec 17, 2009, Ritter appeared for his preliminary hearing and waived the charge of Unlawful Contact with a Minor, graded as a Felony, to the Court of Common Pleas in Monroe County.

Assistant District Attorney Michael Rakaczewski is the prosecutor in the case.

On Jan 11, Ritter was scheduled for his Formal Arraignment in the Court of Common Pleas.

A Press Conference is scheduled for 4:00pm today, at the Monroe County Court House in Stroudsburg PA.