



NEWARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paul M. Tiernan, Chief of Police

PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Arrest made Unlawful Sexual Contact Case

On July 25, 2010, the Newark Police began an investigation that centered on allegations of improper conduct at the Dickey Park Pool, located on Madison Drive in the College Park Neighborhood. Joy Verucci contacted Newark Police to report that she was being harassed by neighbors for allegedly inappropriately touching male juveniles at the pool. Officers began to investigate the allegations and located four male juvenile victims' ages 13, 15, 16 and 17. The investigation revealed that the juveniles would horseplay in the pool by dunking each other. Verucci would get involved in this horseplay. It was reported that during this horseplay, Verucci touched (from the outside of their swim shorts) the genitals of one of the males, the buttocks of the second and inappropriately touched the swim shorts of the two other males.

Verucci was charged with the following: 1 count of Unlawful Sexual Contact 2nd Degree
1 count of Unlawful Sexual Contact 3rd Degree
2 counts of Offensive Touching.

Verucci was released on \$3,500 unsecured bond and issued a no contact order with the victims and the pool.

Defendant: Joy A. Verucci DOB 09/23/1975 (34 years old)
124 Madison Drive
Newark, DE 19711

Photograph Attached

Anyone with additional information about this incident should contact Officer James Spadola at 302-366-7110 ext. 426 or James.Spadola@cj.state.de.us. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, where a reward may be available.



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The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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