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Public Information Release

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Case #13-5599

Sexual Offender Arrest

On July 12, 2013 at about 9:30 a.m., Joseph DeMatteo, of 415 E. 37th St. # 17C, Manhattan NYC, was taken into custody by the Meriden Police Department. DeMatteo, 32, was charged with four crimes: 53a-49/53a-71 Attempted Sexual Assault in 2nd Degree, 53a-49/53-21 Attempted Risk of Injury to a Minor, 53a-90 Enticing a Minor Via Computer for Sexual Activity, and 21a-267(d)(1) Poss. Marijuana Paraphernalia for less than 1/2 oz.

DeMatteo's arrest comes as a result of an extensive online investigation by a Meriden Police Detective who posed as a 15 year old girl. The suspect, DeMatteo, is accused of sending sexually explicit chats and images to the Detective, who he thought was the young girl. DeMatteo traveled by car from New York City to meet the decoy and was arrested when he arrived.

DeMatteo is being held on a \$150,000 bond and was given a court date of July15, 2013.

