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### **Camp Maintenance Worker Arrested for Child Sexual Assault**



#### **David Allen Fichter**

Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman and Lower Frederick Township Police Chief Paul E. Maxey announce the arrest of David Allen Fichter, for sexually abusing a child. The assaults are alleged to have occurred at two locations in Lower Frederick Township, Montgomery County; Camp Hope for Kids and at Crazy Carl's Bar, an establishment that existed during the time of the assaults.

On Wednesday, August 12, 2015, the twelve-year-old victim disclosed that approximately six years ago, David Allen Fichter, the maintenance worker at Camp Hope for Kids, isolated her and sexually abused her. She described a number of different acts perpetrated upon her on at least five different occasions. When confronted by the victim's father, as well as the police, Fichter admitted engaging in sexual contact with the child despite her cries for him to stop and further acknowledged that he told the child-victim not to tell her parents.

On August 12, 2015, police arrested Fichter following a brief manhunt conducted by the Lower Frederick Township Police, with the assistance of the Montgomery County Detectives Bureau, the Pennsylvania State Police Air Unit (Helicopter), and the Pottstown Borough Police Department K-9 Unit. The manhunt was initiated because

Fichter initially fled the area and hid in the woods nearby. Fichter ultimately surrendered without incident.

Police charged Fichter with Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse and several other related charges. On August 13, 2015, Magisterial District Judge James P. Gallagher arraigned the defendant and set bail at \$500,000, with a condition that he have no contact with children and not return to Camp Hope for Kids. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for August 27, 2015, at 9:15 before Magisterial District Judge Maurice H. Saylor at 1881 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville, Pa., 19525.

Assistant District Attorney Kristen Feden is prosecuting the case.

Approved for release:

Risa Vetri Ferman

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