



Harford County Child Advocacy Center



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ABERDEEN MAN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRPAHY

(Aberdeen, Maryland | November 22, 2019) – An Aberdeen man was arrested after a Harford County Child Advocacy Center investigation developed evidence supporting charges of possession of child pornography.

The defendant is identified as Samuel Hyman, 67, of Aberdeen, MD.

Investigators became involved after a CyberTip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children led to a search and seizure warrant at Hyman's residence. During the search, investigators made contact with Hyman who admitted to possession of child pornography. Investigators also recovered items of personal electronics and other evidence from Hyman's residence.

Hyman was initially charged with 5 counts of possession of child pornography. He was released from custody on \$15,000 bond awaiting trial.

Anyone with information relating to Hyman or this investigation is encouraged to contact Master Trooper Adam LeCompte with the Maryland State Police – Bel Air assigned to the CAC at (410) 638-4975.

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The **Harford County Child Advocacy Center** is the recognized community expert for Harford County, Maryland in the areas of child abuse, exploitation, and maltreatment. Through commitment, advocacy and collaboration they investigate, educate and serve to heal victims of child maltreatment and their families. Through outreach with their community they stop abuse when it happens and prevent abuse before it begins. The CAC's multidisciplinary team consists of members of the Harford County State's Attorney's Office, Harford County Department of Social Services, Harford County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police, and the Aberdeen, Bel Air and Havre de Grace Police Departments. The CAC provides specialized medical evaluations and treatment through partnership with a local pediatrician and trauma-focused mental health services through partnership with Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland. For more information about the Harford County Child Advocacy Center, visit their website at www.harfordcac.org.



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The Harford County Child Advocacy Center is an affiliate member of the **Maryland Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force**. This is a combined effort of law enforcement and prosecutors involving agencies across Maryland that is funded by a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. Task force investigators focus on identifying those involved in child pornography via the Internet and other related crimes that victimize children.