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**For Immediate Release:**

### OCPD CHARGES BALTIMORE MAN WITH CHILD SEX CRIMES

The OCPD concluded a month-long child sex offense investigation stemming from a referral from the Worcester County Department of Social Services regarding an alleged case of child sexual abuse. OCPD detectives working in conjunction with the WCDSS concluded that during the spring of 2008, the female victim, who at the time was 15 years old (the victim's name is not being released), came to Ocean City with a 42-year-old male and a 10-year-old male. During the visit, the male was acting as the guardian for both children.

While staying at ay hotel, the suspect allegedly provided the victim with numerous alcoholic beverages. While in Ocean City the victim was sexually assaulted. During the investigation, Ocean City Police learned the suspect, identified as James Sean Bennett, 42, of Baltimore, had been recently indicted by a Baltimore County Grand Jury for an unrelated case involving multiple counts of sexual abuse of a minor and attempted 2nd degree rape involving an unrelated female.



James Sean Bennett

OCPD has obtained an arrest warrant for Bennett in this case charging him with two felony counts of:

- 2nd Degree Child Abuse
- Sex Abuse Minor

Bennett is currently free on bond in the unrelated Baltimore County case.

The OCPD is advising citizens and/or their children who have had previous contact with Bennett and believe may be the victims of a crime, to please contact the OCPD Criminal Investigation Division, Detective Nick Simpson at 410-520-5349.

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