

"Sheriff's Office makes arrest for child pornography charges"

Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland; September 25, 2024 ---- Deputies from the Carroll County Sheriff's Office arrested a Carroll County man on Tuesday, September 24, after an Internet Crimes Against Children Investigation developed evidence of possession of child pornography.

The suspect is identified as Adam Bromwell Piet, 32, of Hampstead, Maryland. Piet is charged with ten counts of Possession of Child Pornography and ten count of distribution of child pornography. Piet was transported to the Carroll County Detention Center after an arrest warrant was issued, where he was held without bond after his initial appearance with the District Court Commissioner.

Beginning in July 2024, the Carroll County Advocacy and Investigation Unit initiated an investigation into the possession of child pornography online and later found evidence of distribution. At about 5:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 19, Carroll County Advocacy and Investigation Center detectives, with assistance from the Carroll County Crisis Response Team, served a search warrant at the identified residence of the suspect. Electronic devices were seized at the scene to allow for further forensic analysis.

The Carroll County Advocacy and Investigation Unit coordinates with the Maryland Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. This is a combined law enforcement effort involving police departments across Maryland that is made possible in part due to grant funds provided by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services and 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.

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.