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## **EXTORTION, CHILD PORNOGRAPHY SUSPECT ARRESTED**

**October 20, 2015, 9:00 am**

Complaint Number: 781-03527-15  
Date/Time of Incident: Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 2:55 pm  
Location: Traverse City Computer Crime

The Traverse City Police Department in cooperation with the Michigan State Police obtained a six count felony warrant for Extortion, Using a Computer to Commit a Crime (2 count), Possession of Child Sexually Abusive Material and Capturing Images of an Unclothed Person (2 count) on a 23 year old Traverse City man. MSP arrested the man on October 19<sup>th</sup> in his Garfield Township home.

The 5 month investigation was conducted jointly by the Traverse City Police Department Detective Bureau and the Michigan State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC). The victim, a 21 year old Traverse City woman, reported that an unknown person had contacted her via social media attempting to acquire nude photographs of her and threatening to publicly expose nude photographs he had already obtained if she did not comply.

The suspect had allegedly obtained the initial photos from an image board website where users post anonymously. User registration is not required or possible and the identity of the original poster of the photos has not been determined. The original photos had been taken by the victim of herself and how they appeared on the image board is unknown.

During this investigation which led to the identification of the 23 year old suspect, several search warrants were executed. Images of Child Sexually Abusive Material were also located within the seized evidence.

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