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### **Attorney General Frosh, State's Attorney Alsobrooks Announce Indictment of Prince George's County Man on Charges of Child Porn and Abuse**

**BALTIMORE, MD (December 21, 2017)** – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh and Prince George's County State's Attorney Angela Alsobrooks today announced the indictment of Christopher Speights, 32, of Capitol Heights, on multiple charges of sex abuse of a minor and child pornography.

On December 14, 2017, Christopher Speights was indicted by the Prince George's County Grand Jury on charges of Sex Abuse of a Minor and Child Pornography. According to the indictment, while an employee of the Prince George's County Public School System, Speights chaperoned a two-day trip with school students in 2015. During this trip, Speights took pornographic photographs of a student. These photographs were recovered from his personal device.

On December 19, 2017, Christopher Speights was indicted by the Worcester County Grand Jury on charges of Sex Abuse of a Minor and Child Pornography. While serving as the head coach of a 12 and under basketball league, Speights chaperoned a trip to Ocean City, Maryland. During this trip, Christopher Speights took pornographic photographs of a juvenile member of the team. These photographs were recovered from his personal device.

"Christopher Speights betrayed the trust of his employer, of the parents who entrusted their children to him, and of the children he supervised and coached," said Attorney General Frosh. "He victimized vulnerable children and with these indictments, faces many years in jail."

"Mr. Speights is a predator of the worst kind, preying on innocent children whose care and safety he was responsible for," said State's Attorney Alsobrooks. "He used his position and authority to take advantage of these children and I want to thank all of our law enforcement partners for helping to secure multiple indictments against him. We look forward to holding him accountable for his actions."

All of these images were recovered by Maryland State Police during the course of an ongoing investigation. In making today's announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked Assistant Attorneys General Katie Dorian and Kelly Burrell, the Maryland State Police Internet Crimes Task Force, the State's Attorney's Office for Prince George's County, Prince George's County Assistant State's Attorney Brenda Harkavy, and the State's Attorney's Office for Worcester County, Maryland for their assistance on the case.

A trial date for these charges have not yet been scheduled.

If you have any information pertaining to these charges or persons involved, please contact the Maryland State Police, Computer Crimes Section hotline at 800-637-5437.