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## PRESS RELEASE

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### CHILD PORNOGRAPHY ARREST

On November 18, 2024, the Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office Child Victim Unit received an online cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) regarding an online account where images of child sexual abuse were being uploaded, stored, and potentially shared. NCMEC works with families, victims, private industries, law enforcement, and the public to assist with preventing child abductions, recovering missing children, and providing services to deter and combat child sexual exploitation.

After conducting an investigation and reviewing the reported items, a search warrant was obtained at the residence of Ashley Kriesten in the 9600 block of Leaf Lane. Multiple electronic devices were seized during the search warrant. Ashley Kriesten, was arrested and charged with five counts of 18.2-374.1:1(A) possession, reproduction, distribution, solicitation, and facilitation of child pornography, five counts of 18.2-374.1:1.(C) possession, reproduction, distribution, solicitation, and facilitation of child pornography, and two counts of 18.2-67.3(A1) aggravated sexual battery.

The identity and relationship of the juveniles are being withheld for their protection.

Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office is a member of the NOVA-DC Internet Crimes Against Children Virginia State Police Taskforce (NOVA-DC ICAC). Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) is a national network of law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies that helps state and local agencies respond to online child exploitation and other crimes.

If you believe a child is being abused, please contact the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office. You can also contact the Spotsylvania County Department of Social Services: (540) 507-7898, Virginia CPS State Hotline at (804) 786-8536/Out-Of-State: (800) 552-7096, and

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) <https://report.cybertip.org> or 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678). As a community, it is up to us to keep our children safe.

Remember, your phone call or online tip can make a difference.

Phone: 1-800-928-5822 or 1-540-582-5822

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