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PHILADELPHIA – Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the unsealing of a two count indictment¹ charging Jerome Bennett, III, with receipt and possession of child pornography. Bennett is a teacher at St. Monica School in Berwyn, PA. An investigation revealed Bennett had two laptop computers, two external hard drives, and two flash drives containing images of child pornography.

“The receipt and possession of child pornography are very serious offenses, and the prosecution of these crimes is a top priority for the Department of Justice,” said Magid. “We are particularly alarmed whenever the offender is someone with access to children who could use that access to commit even more heinous crimes against children.”

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Jerome Bennett	Havertown, PA	46 years old

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 20 years imprisonment, a mandatory minimum five years of imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and five years of supervised release.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Innocent Images Task Force and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kathy A. Stark.

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