



# KEARNY POLICE DEPARTMENT

237 Laurel Avenue, Kearny, NJ 07032



## **PRESS RELEASE**

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### **WARRANT ARREST – CHILD ENDANGERMENT & SEX OFFENSE CHARGES**

On February 7, 2026, members of the Kearny Police Department arrested Rolando Carballo, 59, of East Newark, on a warrant complaint stemming from an investigation conducted by Detective Castaneda.

The charges arise from an incident reported to have occurred on January 16, 2026, at the Kearny Public Library. The investigation determined that Carballo allegedly inappropriately touched a juvenile while displaying obscene material.

As a result of the investigation, Carballo was charged with:  
Endangering the Welfare of a Child (2C:24-4A(1)) – Third Degree  
Obscenity for Persons Under 18 (2C:34-3B(2)) – Third Degree  
Criminal Sexual Contact (2C:14-3B) – Fourth Degree  
Lewdness (2C:14-4A) – Disorderly Persons Offense

Carballo was located and taken into custody in North Arlington by Detective Castaneda, assisted by other members of the Kearny Police Department. Following his arrest, he was transported to the Hudson County Correctional Facility.

Chief Scott Macfie stated, “The safety of our children is non-negotiable. Our public buildings, including our libraries, must remain safe places for families. When that trust is violated, our officers will act swiftly to hold those responsible accountable.”

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the Kearny Police Department Detective Bureau. All charges are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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