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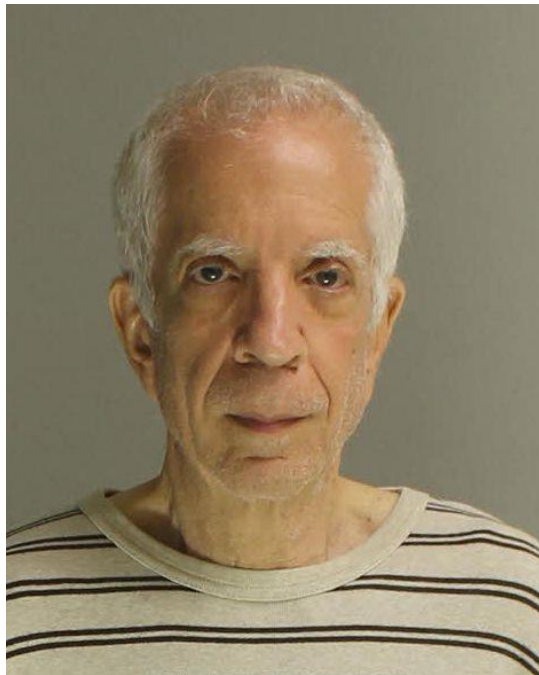
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Man Arrested for Criminal Attempt of Involuntary Deviant Sexual Intercourse with a Child Under 16



Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman and Upper Providence Township Police Chief Mark Toomey announce the September 28, 2015 arrest of Charles L. Cohen, 69, of Philadelphia for Criminal Attempt of Involuntary Deviant Sexual Intercourse with a child under the age of 16, Unlawful Contact with a Minor and Criminal Use of a Communication Facility.

In cooperation with the Pennsylvania Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, the Montgomery County Detective Bureau and the Upper Providence Township Police have combined efforts in protecting children from internet predators. In addition to his regular duties as the supervising detective for the Upper Providence Township Police Department's Detective Division, Detective Sergeant Raymond Bechtel III is cross sworn as a Special Montgomery County Detective by District Attorney Ferman. His specific enforcement focus, relating to ICAC, involves detecting and arresting child predators who utilize the internet as a tool to meet and sexually assault children.

In September 2015 Sgt. Bechtel became involved in an undercover, electronic communication exchange with defendant Charles Cohen. It was apparent Cohen's intent was to sexually assault a child.

On Monday, September 28, 2015, the ongoing undercover communications resulted in Cohen requesting to meet with whom he thought to be a 14 year old boy. Cohen's proposed purpose for this meeting was for him to perform oral sex on the boy and vice versa.

On Monday, September 28, 2015 at 12:29 PM, Cohen was observed at the agreed upon meet location, 600 Commerce Drive, Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County. He was met by law enforcement and arrested.

Cohen was charged with the three crimes listed above and arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Katherine McGill. Bail was set at \$100,000 cash. He was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility pending. His preliminary hearing is scheduled on October 13, 2015 at 11:00 AM before Magisterial District Judge Walter Gadzicki.

If any citizen has any information relating to Cohen's illegal activities, they are encouraged to phone the Upper Providence Township Police (610-933-7899) or the Montgomery County Detective Bureau (610-278-3368).

Approved for release:

Risa Vetri Ferman

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