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## UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED FOR DISTRIBUTING AND POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY



NORRISTOWN, Pa. – Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, Abington Township Police Chief William J. Kelly and the Pennsylvania Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force announce the arrest of Kisu Sohn, 23, of Upper Gwynedd Township, for felony charges of Distribution of Child Pornography, Possession of Child Pornography and Criminal Use of a Communication Device.

On June 1, 2016 Abington Township Detective Richard Beaghley began an undercover, electronic communication operation on the Internet. Using specialized equipment, Detective Beaghley located a computer that was specifically configured to anonymously share files with others. When Detective Beaghley's equipment directly connected to this computer, he electronically received seven files that showed exploited children involved in sexual poses and/or sexual acts. Detective Beaghley traced the offending computer to the defendant's home, and a search warrant was executed. A Dell Inspiron computer was seized, and a forensic examination of the computer was conducted by the Montgomery County Detective Bureau revealing a total of 59 videos and two images of child pornography.

Sohn was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge William I. Maruszczak and was released on \$50,000 unsecured bail. Sohn's preliminary hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m., August 25, 2016 before Magisterial District Judge Robert M. Sobeck.

Major Crimes Detectives of the Montgomery County Detective Bureau along with specially trained and sworn detectives from municipal police departments in Montgomery County routinely work with the ICAC Task Force to protect children from Internet predators by aggressively and proactively investigating Internet crimes that exploit children.

Assistant District Attorney James Price will prosecute the case.

Approved for release:

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