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MICHAEL DOLAN OF LAFAYETTE HILL CHARGED WITH DISSEMINATING, POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY



MICHAEL DOLAN

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Dec. 19, 2019) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, East Norriton Township Police Chief Brandon Pasquale, Whitemarsh Township Police Chief Christopher P. Ward and the Pennsylvania Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force announce the arrest of Michael Dolan, 40, of Lafayette Hill, for felony charges related to disseminating and possessing child pornography.

On Dec. 9, 2019, Montgomery County Detectives received five cybertips from Google, relayed from the Delaware County ICAC Taskforce, regarding content found on a Google Drive account. Google had identified 12 videos and five still photos in the Google Drive account that depicted children ages 2 to 14 engaging in sexual acts and/or poses and were determined to be child pornography.

The investigation found that the IP address associated with the Google Drive account belonged to a computer in Dolan's home on Center Avenue in Whitemarsh Township.

A search warrant was executed on Dec. 11, 2019, and the defendant's iPhone 8 Plus along with a Dell laptop computer were seized. A forensic analysis of the laptop found 137 images of child pornography, at least 10 of which depicted children under the age of 13. The analysis of the cell phone is ongoing.

Dolan was arrested and charged with felony distributing and possessing child pornography, as well as criminal use of a communications facility. He was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Deborah A. Lukens, who set bail at \$250,000 cash. He was also ordered to have no unsupervised contact with children and no Internet usage. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 1 p.m., Dec. 31, 2019, before Judge Lukens.

Major Crimes Detectives of the Montgomery County Detective Bureau, along with specially trained and sworn detectives from 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.

The case will be prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Samantha L.R. Cauffman.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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