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FT. WASHINGTON MAN ARRESTED ON FELONY CHARGES OF POSSESSING AND DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY



JACOB WEISS

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Sept. 18, 2020) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Conshohocken Borough Police Chief George Metz announce the arrest of Jacob Weiss, 24, of Ft. Washington in Upper Dublin Township, for possessing and distributing child pornography and related charges.

The investigation began when a specially trained Conshohocken detective was surveilling a peer-to-peer file-sharing Internet site. On several occasions, the detective was able to connect to an account that was sharing child pornography. He downloaded nine video files and five photo files from this account at various times.

Subscriber information for the IP address associated with the account that shared the child pornography files was obtained and was traced to the defendant's residence. A search warrant was served on the residence on July 9, 2020. A computer tower located in Weiss' bedroom was seized, and forensic analysis of the electronic device found that it contained 692 still images and 38 video files that were determined to include children under the age of 18 years old—many included children under 10 years old—in various states of nudity and involved in sexual acts.

Weiss was charged with 300 felony counts of possessing child pornography, five counts of distributing child pornography, criminal use of a communications facility

and possessing an instrument of crime. He was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Patricia A. Zaffarano, who set bail at \$50,000 unsecured, and the defendant was released. The defendant waived his preliminary hearing.

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 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force to protect children from Internet predators by aggressively and proactively investigating Internet crimes that exploit children.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Caroline Goldstein, who is assigned to the DA's Family Protection Unit.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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