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### **HUNTINGDON VALLEY MAN ARRESTED ON FELONY CHARGES OF POSSESSING AND DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**



**PETER KOSTKA**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 15, 2020) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Abington Township Police Chief Patrick Molloy announce the arrest of Peter Kostka, 25, of Huntingdon Valley, for possessing and distributing child pornography and related charges.

The investigation began in March with a cybertip received from Snapchat by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Investigation of the Snapchat account that shared the child pornography files provided detectives with the computer IP address, which was traced to the defendant's residence. A search warrant was served on the residence on Sept. 2, 2020, and a laptop computer tower and iPhone belonging to the defendant were seized. A forensic analysis of the laptop and cellphone found that it contained 128 still images and six video files that were determined to include children engaged in sexual acts and in sexual poses.

Kostka was charged with more than 130 felony counts of possessing child pornography, distributing child pornography and criminal use of a communications facility. He was arraigned on Oct. 13, 2020 before Magisterial District Judge Jay S. Friedenber, who set bail at \$50,000 unsecured, and the defendant was released. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for 8 a.m., Dec. 14, 2020 before Judge Friedenber.

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 Gabi Soreth, who is assigned to the DA's Family Protection Unit.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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