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MARK MORRIS ARRESTED FOR UNLAWFUL CONTACT WITH MINOR, ATTEMPTING TO MEET 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL FOR SEX



MARK MORRIS

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Nov. 18, 2021) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Conshohocken Borough Police Chief George Metz announce the arrest of Mark Morris, 56, of King of Prussia, for multiple felony counts of Unlawful Contact with a Minor, Attempted Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse and related charges.

On Nov. 11, 2021, a Conshohocken Detective who is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, was acting in an undercover capacity as a 13-year-old girl on a social media platform and posted "Bored...Entertain me." At 9:37 a.m., screen name "Daddy1010," who was later identified as the defendant, answered and began communicating in a sexually explicit manner with whom he thought was a 13-year-old girl. The conversation included talking about meeting in person and the sex acts that he wanted to perform on her. The back-and-forth text conversation continued throughout the day until Morris broke it off, saying he was tired and hungry and "let's do it another day."

At 7:44 a.m. the next day, Nov. 12, 2021, Morris sent a message to the account that he thought was a 13-year-old's saying: "Sorry about yesterday. Maybe today we could

meet?” A meet time later that day was arranged at an area hotel. When Morris pulled up at the meet location, detectives took him into custody.

Morris is charged with first-degree felony Unlawful Contact with a Minor, Attempted IDSI (less than 16 years old), Attempted Sexual Assault, Attempted Aggravated Sexual Assault, Attempted Corruption of Minors, Criminal Use of a Communications Facility and related charges. He was arraigned on Nov. 12, 2021 before Magisterial District Judge Suzan Leonard, who set bail at \$25,000 cash, with additional conditions being no unsupervised contact with minors and no use of social media accounts. The defendant posted bail and was released. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 12:15 p.m., Nov. 24, 2021 before Magisterial District Judge Deborah A. Lukens.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Caroline Goldstein of the Family Protection Unit.

Special Victims Unit 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 and work undercover to protect children from internet predators by aggressively and proactively investigating internet crimes that exploit children.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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