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### **UPPER POTTS GROVE MAN ARRESTED ON FELONY CHARGES OF POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (March 21, 2022) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele announces the arrest of Eric Albitz, 36, of Upper Pottsgrove, on felony charges related to possessing child pornography.

On Oct. 21, 2021, the Montgomery County Detective Bureau received a Cybertip from Snapchat via the Delaware County Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force related to the upload of a video of suspected child pornography. Detectives determined the image was child pornography, involving a female between 8 and 12 years old. They traced the IP address related to the Snapchat account to a residence on Snyder Road in Upper Pottsgrove where the defendant lives.

Detectives then contacted the defendant at his place of employment where they collected his cellphone. A search warrant was executed on the cellphone, and a forensic analysis of its contents by detectives found 37 photographs and videos of child pornography.

Albitz was charged with 37 felony counts of Possessing Child Pornography (2nd/Subsequent Offense) and 37 counts of Criminal Use of a Communications Facility.

He was arraigned on March 14, 2022, before Magisterial District Judge Maurice H. Saylor, who set bail at \$1,000 cash, and Saylor was remanded to SCI Dallas. A preliminary hearing was set for 11 a.m., April 5, 2022 before Judge Saylor.

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 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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