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Child Predator Arrested



Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman and Upper Providence Township Police Chief Mark Toomey announce the February 26, 2015 arrest of Edward Paul Lippincott, 37, of Bridgeport, Montgomery County for Criminal Attempt of Involuntary Deviant Sexual Intercourse with a child under the age of 16, Criminal Attempt at Unlawful Contact with a Minor and Criminal Use of a Communication Facility.

In cooperation with the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force, the Montgomery County Detective Bureau and the Upper Providence Township Police have combined efforts in protecting children from internet predators. In addition to his regular duties as the supervising detective of the Upper Providence Township Police Department's Detective Division, Detective Sergeant Raymond Bechtel III was recently sworn as a Special Montgomery County Detective by District Attorney Ferman. His specific enforcement focus relating to ICAC involves detecting and arresting child predators who utilize the internet as a tool to meet and sexually assault their victims.

In February 2015 Sgt. Bechtel became involved in an undercover, electronic communication exchange with defendant Edward Lippincott. It was apparent Lippincott's intent was to commit illegal acts.

On Thursday, February 26, 2015 the ongoing undercover communications resulted in Lippincott requesting to meet with whom he thought to be a 14 year old boy. Lippincott's proposed purpose for this meeting was for him to perform oral sex on the boy.

On Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 12:13 PM Lippincott was observed at the agreed upon meet location, 600 Commerce Drive, Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County. He was met by law enforcement and arrested.

Lippincott was charged with the three crimes listed above and arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Paul Leo. Bail was set at \$500,000 cash. He was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility pending a preliminary hearing.

If any citizen has any information relating to Lippincott's activities, they are encouraged to phone the Upper Providence Township Police (610-933-7899) or the Montgomery County Detective Bureau (610-278-3368).

If any citizen has information relating to sexual predators, they are encouraged to contact the Montgomery County Detective Bureau (610-278-3368).

Assistant District Attorney Sophia Polites is assigned to prosecute the defendant.

Approved for Release:

Risa Vetri Ferman

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