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ANDREW LIEBMAN OF WILLOW GROVE ARRESTED FOR POSSESSING AND DISTRIBUTING SEXUALLY EXPLICIT IMAGES OF CHILDREN



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (March 21, 2017) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, Abington Township Police Chief John Livingood and the Pennsylvania Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force announce the arrest of Andrew Jonathan Liebman, 26, of Willow Grove, for multiple felony charges of Dissemination of Child Pornography, Sexual Abuse of Children/Child Pornography and Criminal Use of a Communication Facility.

On Oct. 30, 2016, Abington Township Detective Rick Beaghley was conducting an undercover, electronic communications operation on the Internet. The investigation located a computer that was specifically configured to anonymously share files with others. When Detective Beaghley directly connected to this computer, he electronically received 366 sexually explicit image files and 24 sexually explicit video files. Upon review, the files were determined to depict children under the age of 18 engaged in sexual acts and/or sexually explicit poses. The investigation traced the computer to the defendant's home. Detectives executed a search warrant on Liebman's home and seized his computer. Forensic examination of the computer found sexually explicit images and videos of child pornography.

Liebman was arrested on March 18, 2017 and arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Ester J. Casillo. He was released on \$25,000 bail. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m., March 30, 2017 before Magisterial District Judge Jay Friedenber. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kristin Feden.

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 ICAC Task Force to protect children from Internet predators by aggressively and proactively investigating Internet crimes that exploit children.

Approved for release:

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