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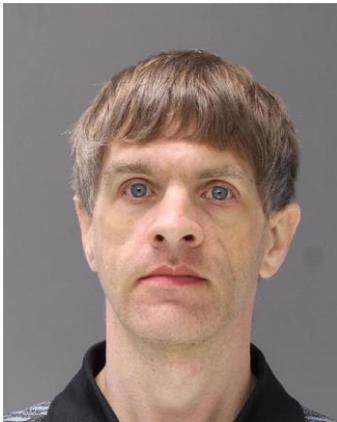
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### **GLENSIDE MAN ARRESTED ON FELONY CHARGES OF POSSESSING AND DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**



**PATRICK FOX**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (June 29, 2022) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Abington Township Police Chief Patrick Molloy announce the arrest of Patrick Fox, 40, of Glenside, for possessing and distributing child pornography and related charges.

In November 2021, detectives were conducting an online investigation to identify individuals possessing and sharing child pornography using a peer-to-peer file sharing network. Through the investigation, a specific IP address was located that was sharing child pornography files. From Nov. 30, 2021 to Feb. 23, 2022, 12 image files and one video file were downloaded using a direct connection. A review of the image files found that they contained photos of children engaged in sexual acts or in sexually explicit poses.

Subscriber information for the IP address was traced to the defendant's residence in Glenside in Abington Township. On May 5, 2022, a search warrant was served on the residence. While an initial search of the residence was being conducted, a computer was on in the bedroom/office, which showed that the peer-to-peer file sharing network was actively on and downloading files. The computer using the network was a

custom-built computer and tower. That computer and other electronic devices were seized. A forensic examination of the custom-built computer and tower was conducted, which located 1,202 images of child under the age of 18 engaged in sexual acts and/or poses. The vast majority of those more than 1,000 images were of pre-pubescent children, including approximately 60 images depicting children under 5-years-old.

Fox was arrested and charged with 100 felony counts of possessing child pornography, 10 counts of disseminating child pornography and criminal use of a communications facility. He was arraigned and bail was set at \$10,000, with additional conditions of no contact with minors. The defendant posted bail and was released. A preliminary hearing is set for 11:30 a.m., June 29, 2022 before Magisterial District Judge Juanita Price.

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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