

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF: LACKAWANNA



POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
VS.

Magisterial District Number: 45-3-04
MDJ: Hon. Laura M Turlip
Address: 400 W Church Street
Archbald, PA 18403
Telephone: (570) 876-0570

DEFENDANT: (NAME and ADDRESS):
MATTHEW STEPHAN ROMANCHAK
First Name Middle Name Last Name Gen.
900 HILL STREET MAYFIELD PA 18443

NCIC Extradition Code Type

- 1-Felony Full
- 2-Felony Ltd.
- 3-Felony Surrounding States
- 4-Felony No Ext.
- 5-Felony Pend.
- 6-Felony Pend. Extradition Determ.
- A-Misdemeanor Full
- B-Misdemeanor Limited
- C-Misdemeanor Surrounding States
- D-Misdemeanor No Extradition
- E-Misdemeanor Pending
- F-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition Determ.
- Distance: _____

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Docket Number: CR-241-19 Date Filed: 09/13/ 2019 OTN/LiveScan Number: U748830-5 Complaint/Incident Number: 56-2791 Request Lab Services? YES NO

GENDER: Male Female DOB: 12/10/ 1989 POB: PA Add'l DOB: / / Co-Defendant(s):
First Name Middle Name Last Name Gen.

RACE: White Asian Black Native American Unknown

ETHNICITY: Hispanic Non-Hispanic Unknown

HAIR COLOR: GRY (Gray) RED (Red/Aubn.) SDY (Sandy) BLU (Blue) PLE (Purple) BRO (Brown)
 BLK (Black) ONG (Orange) WHI (White) XXX (Unk./Bald) GRN (Green) PNK (Pink)
 BLN (Blonde / Strawberry)

EYE COLOR: BLK (Black) BLU (Blue) BRO (Brown) GRN (Green) GRY (Gray)
 HAZ (Hazel) MAR (Maroon) PNK (Pink) MUL (Multicolored) XXX (Unknown)

DNA: YES NO DNA Location: WEIGHT (lbs.):

FBI Number: MNU Number: 220

Defendant Fingerprinted: YES NO Ft. HEIGHT in:

Fingerprint Classification: 5 10

DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION

Plate # State Hazmat Registration Sticker (MM/YY) / Comm'l Veh. Ind. School Veh. Oth. NCIC Veh. Code Reg. same as Def.

VIN Year Make Model Style Color

Office of the attorney for the Commonwealth Approved Disapproved because:

(The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. See Pa.R.Crim.P. 507).

DAG RAVER (Name of the attorney for the Commonwealth) Approved via phone (Signature of the attorney for the Commonwealth) 09/13/ 2019 (Date)

I, Daniel Block (Name of the Affiant) 740 (PSP/MPOTC -Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge #)

of PA OAG (Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision) PA 0222400 (Police Agency ORI Number)

do hereby state: (check appropriate box)

- 1. I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above
- I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as _____

I accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname are unknown to me and whom I have therefore designated as John Doe or Jane Doe with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at [] (Subdivision Code) [] (Place-Political Subdivision)

In and around the City of Archbald PA in LACKAWA County [35] on or about in the spring (County Code) (Offense Date)



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older <u>0</u>				
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PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number			<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone		
Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): UNLAWFUL CONTACT WITH A MINOR (RELATED TO SEXUAL OFFENSES)								
Acts of the accused associated with this Offense: See continuation page								

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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): INVOLUNTARY DEVIATE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE								
Acts of the accused associated with this Offense: See continuation page								

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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): CRIMINAL USE OF A COMMUNICATION FACILITY								
Acts of the accused associated with this Offense: See continuation form								

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PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number			<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone		
Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): CORRUPTION OF MINORS (SEXUAL OFFENSES)								
Acts of the accused associated with this Offense: See continuation form								



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- I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the defendant be required to answer the charges I have made.
- I verify that the facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of Section 4904 of the Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S. § 4904) relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.
- This complaint consists of the preceding page(s) numbered ___ through ___.
- I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

The acts committed by the accused, as listed and hereafter, were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and were contrary to the Act(s) of the Assembly, or in violation of the statutes cited.
(Before a warrant of arrest can be issued, an affidavit of probable cause must be completed, sworn to before the issuing authority, and attached.)

09/13/2019 2019
 (Date) (Year)

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 (Signature of Affiant)

AND NOW, on this date 9-13-19 I certify that the complaint has been properly completed and verified.

An affidavit of probable cause must be completed before a warrant can be issued.

45-3-04
 (Magisterial District Court Number)

[Signature]
 (Issuing Authority)



ROMANCHAK, MATTHEW STEPHAN

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Charge 1, 6318(a)(1) continuation (2 counts) (F-1)

During the year of 2015, Matthew Stephan Romanchak did intentionally contact a minor for the purpose of engaging in an activity prohibited under Chapter 31 of the Crimes Code, namely Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse, 18 Pa.C.S. §3123(a)(7), and either the person initiating the contact or the person being contacted was within this Commonwealth, to-wit: Defendant, an adult male, did contact a child who at the times involved was 14 years old for the purpose of engaging in mutual oral sex, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. §6318(a)(1), as amended.

During the year of 2016, Matthew Stephan Romanchak did intentionally contact a minor for the purpose of engaging in an activity prohibited under Chapter 31 of the Crimes Code, namely Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse, 18 Pa.C.S. §3123(a)(7), and either the person initiating the contact or the person being contacted was within this Commonwealth, to-wit: Defendant, an adult male, did contact a child who at the times involved was 14 and 15 years old for the purpose of engaging in mutual oral sex, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. §6318(a)(1), as amended.

Charge 2, 3123(a)(7) continuation (7 counts) (F-1)

During the spring of 2015, Matthew Stephan Romanchak did engage in deviate sexual intercourse with a complainant who would have been under 16 years of age at a time when the defendant was four or more years older than the complainant and the two were not married, to-wit: the defendant, an adult male over the age of 20 years, did engage in oral sex with a child who at the time was 14 years old, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. §3123(a)(7) as amended.

During the summer of 2015, Matthew Stephan Romanchak did engage in deviate sexual intercourse with a complainant who would have been under 16 years of age at a time when the defendant was four or more years older than the complainant and the two were not married, to-wit: the defendant, an adult male over the age of 20 years, did engage in oral sex with a child who at the time was 14 years old, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. §3123(a)(7) as amended.

During the fall of 2015, Matthew Stephan Romanchak did engage in deviate sexual intercourse with a complainant who would have been under 16 years of age at a time when the defendant was four or more years older than the complainant and the two were not married, to-wit: the defendant, an adult male over the age of 20 years, did engage in oral sex with a child who at the time was 14 years old, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. §3123(a)(7) as amended.

During the winter of 2015-2016, Matthew Stephan Romanchak did engage in deviate sexual intercourse with a complainant who would have been under 16 years of age at a time when the defendant was four or more years older than the complainant and the two were not married, to-wit: the defendant, an adult male over the age of 20 years, did engage in oral sex with a child who at the time was 14 years old, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. §3123(a)(7) as amended.

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During the spring of 2016, Matthew Stephan Romanchak did engage in deviate sexual intercourse with a complainant who would have been under 16 years of age at a time when the defendant was four or more years older than the complainant and the two were not married, to-wit: the defendant, an adult male over the age of 20 years, did engage in oral sex with a child who at the time was 14 years old, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. §3123(a)(7) as amended.

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Charge 3, 6318(a)(5) continuation (1 counts) (F-1)

Between spring of 2015 and fall of 2016, Matthew Stephan Romanchak did intentionally contact a minor for the purpose of engaging in an activity prohibited under 18 Pa.C.S. 6312(b), Sexual Abuse of Children, and either the person initiating the contact or the person being contacted was within this Commonwealth, to-wit: Defendant, an adult male, did contact a child who at the times involved was between 14 and 15 years old for the purpose of causing or permitting the child to masturbate through FaceTime knowing that the act was being depicted on a computer, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. §6318(a)(5), as amended.

Charge 4, 6318(a)(5) continuation (1 counts) (F-3)

Between spring of 2015 and fall of 2016, Matthew Stephan Romanchak did intentionally contact a minor for the purpose of engaging in an activity prohibited under 18 Pa.C.S. 6312(d), Sexual Abuse of Children, and either the person initiating the contact or the person being contacted was within this Commonwealth, to-wit: Defendant, an adult male, did contact a child who at the times involved was between 14 and 15 years old for the purpose of causing or permitting the child to take naked photographs of himself and send them to the defendant through the internet, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. §6318(a)(5), as amended.

Charge 5, 7512(a) continuation (1 count) (F-3)

Between spring of 2015 and fall of 2016, the defendant did use a communication facility, as defined in this section, to commit, cause or facilitate the commission of, or an attempt thereof, of any crime which constitutes a felony under Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, to-wit: the defendant did use a computer, cellular phone, and/or other electronic device and the internet to commit any of the felony crimes described in greater detail in the other charges herein, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. §7512(a), as amended.

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Charge 6, 6301(a)(1)(ii) continuation (1 count) (F-3)

Between spring of 2015 and fall of 2016, the defendant, a person over the age of 18 years, did by any course of conduct in violation of Chapter 31 (relating to sexual offenses), corrupt or tend to corrupt the morals of a minor less than 18 years of age, to-wit: the defendant, an adult male, did engage in oral sex with a minor who was 14 and 15 years of age at the time of the incidents as set forth herein, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. §6301(a)(1)(ii), as amended

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AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE

Daniel Block is a Special Agent with the Bureau of Criminal Investigations of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General and is currently assigned to the Child Predator Section. He has been investigating internet crimes against children since December of 2012. He has attended training courses that have focused on sexual offenses against children including computer based offenses. To date, he has actively participated in numerous investigations throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania dealing with online solicitations for sexual offenses and/or attempted sexual offenses with minors in addition to unlawful contact with minors, sexual abuse of children, and criminal use of communication facilities. He is also a Task Force Officer with Homeland Security Investigations Child Exploitation/Trafficking Group. Prior to the current position of Special Agent, your Affiant worked uniform patrol (starting in 1999) for the St. Louis County Police Department, St. Louis Missouri, additionally your Affiant worked as a Risk Management advisor for a large disaster relief organization. Your Affiant has conducted international criminal investigations, including kidnappings, and crimes of violence against children.

Your Affiant's duties include investigating violations of state law, such as the online exploitation of children. In particular, violations of Title 18, Section 6312, that criminalizes the possession, receipt, and transmission of child pornography and violations of Title 18, Section 6318 (b.1)[to pro-actively conduct investigations involving child predators who wish to engage in sexual activity with minors].

Your Affiant, having been duly sworn to law upon my oath depose and say:

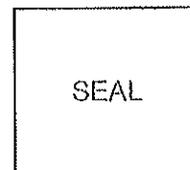
I, SA Block, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO THE LAW, DEPOSE AND SAY THAT THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS FILING COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CASE RECORDS PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF PENNSYLVANIA THAT REQUIRE FILING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS DIFFERENTLY THAN NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS.

SA Block
(Signature of Affiant)

Sworn to me and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____
_____, Date _____, Magisterial District Judge

My commission expires first Monday of January,



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AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE CONTINUATION

On August 23, 2019, your affiant arrested Matthew Stephan Romanchak (hereinafter Romanchak) for the crimes of Unlawful Contact with a Minor, Criminal Attempt to Commit Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse, and Criminal Use of a Communication Facility. The arrest followed an investigation by your affiant in which your affiant assumed the identity of a 14 year old male. Romanchak began chatting through a social networking application with the minor, who stated his age of 14 years multiple times. Romanchak then solicited the purported child for oral sex. The two arranged a time and location to meet in order to engage in sexual activity. Romanchak then arrived at the pre-determined location and was apprehended. During an interview following affiant advising Romanchak of his rights per Miranda, Romanchak admitted that he was the person conversing with your affiant's undercover persona. He further admitted that he arrived at the location to engage in oral sex with the minor. Following media coverage of this arrest, the following information was learned when it was reported that Romanchak engaged in sexual activity with a minor when the child was under the age of 16 years.

On September 3, 2019 at approximately 1:15pm, Your Affiant and Detective Mancuso met with the victim child, (DOB 5/23/01 hereinafter BW) at the Office of Attorney General's Scranton office. During the course of an interview with BW, he stated the following:

In the late spring of 2015, when he was 14 years old, he attended St John's Russian Orthodox Church (located within Lackawanna County, PA) and volunteered as a alter server. This is where he met Romanchak.

BW stated that Matthew Romanchak was in charge of the youth group and a sub-deacon. BW stated that he (BW) would see Romanchak every Monday. BW stated that Romanchak began to talk with him about using a social media application called Grindr, and said he should download that app. BW stated he downloaded Grindr, and began to chat with Romanchak via the app.

BW stated Romanchak chatted about meeting up, and BW stated Romanchak started to come to his residence (located in Archbald, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania) in the spring of 2015. He stated that when Romanchak came over, they would have oral sex. He described it as "sucking of the genitals." He stated that his parents would be out of the house by 6am, and Romanchak would be there by 7am. They would engage in oral sex, then Romanchak would drive him to school in a white four door car "with green on the side." BW stated that Romanchak told him it was a "work car."

Your Affiant states that when the initial arrest was made of Romanchak, he was driving a white four door Toyota Prius which a green design on the side. After Romanchak was apprehended, it was determined that this was a vehicle assigned to him for work purposes. After BW described the vehicle Romanchak was driving, your affiant showed him a picture of the vehicle in which Romanchak was apprehended. BW confirmed it to be the same vehicle. BW stated that Romanchak would drop him off at the Valley View Middle School where BW attended

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eighth grade. He stated that Romanchak came to his house for oral sex in the early morning hours during the spring and summer of 2015 multiple times.

BW further stated that they would discuss when to meet to engage in oral sex using the Grindr application. In addition to having sexual contact at BW's home, BW stated that other times they would have oral sex in Romanchak's white four door vehicle while parked near the church and/or Romanchak's residence (all within Lackawanna County). This occurred at least 10 times. Your affiant asked BW when the sexual activity stopped and BW stated that it continued until after he turned 16 years old. He stated it was around summer of 2017 when the sexual activity stopped. Also, BW stated that his parents moved from the residence in Archbald in the fall of 2017.

BW stated that Romanchak knew he was 14 because at the church he (BW) was in age related classes and functions. The youth group was divided by grades and BW was in the eighth grade group. BW stated that he also told Romanchak that he was 14. BW stated that when he would drop him off at school, BW specifically told him that he was in 8th grade and to drop him off at the middle school. Although the two continued to engage in sexual activity after BW started going to high school, Romanchak did not take him to school there because it had a different start time for the day.

BW stated that between 2015 and 2016, Romanchak would ask him to take naked photographs of himself. BW stated that at Romanchak's request, he did take naked photographs of himself and sent them to Romanchak through the internet. He stated that during this same time frame, Romanchak would FaceTime him for mutual masturbation. This was also done using an internet-capable device.

BW described Romanchak as a heavy set, hairy, white male, with jet black hair, slicked back, and a beard. This description is consistent with the person your affiant arrested on August 23, 2019 who was positively identified as Matthew Stephan Romanchak.

BW was asked if he would consent to a recorded statement in reference to the above discussion. He consented. In his recorded statement BW stated that he met Romanchak in the spring of 2015, through his church, that Romanchak introduced him to Grindr, that he began to chat with him on Grindr in a sexual way, that those chats led to meeting for oral sex at least 20-30 times, that he would drive him to the middle school in a white four door, passenger car, and described what Romanchak looked like.

Your affiant asked BW if he could be more specific about when the two engaged in oral sex and because it happened so many times, he was unable to provide specific dates. He was, however, able to provide the following time line. The abuse was most prevalent at BW's parents' home in Archbald, Lackawanna County, PA, but all offenses charged occurred in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania.

SA BGL

(Signature of Affiant)

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Spring of 2015 when BW was 14 years old - the abuse occurred at BW's parents' house and near the church in Romanchak's car.

Summer of 2015 when BW was 14 years old - the abuse slowed and happened at BW's parents' house in Archbald one to two times per month.

Fall of 2015 when BW was 14 years old - the abuse occurred at Romanchak's residence and near the church in Romanchak's car.

Winter of 2015 when BW was 14 years old - the abuse occurred at BW's parents' house.

Spring of 2016 when BW was 14 years old - the abuse occurred at BW's parents' house and near the church in Romanchak's car.

Summer of 2016 when BW was 15 years old - the abuse slowed but occurred at BW's parents' house a few times.

Fall of 2016 when BW was 15 years old - the abuse was primarily at BW's parents' house.

Based on the totality of the foregoing information, circumstances and reasonable inferences to be drawn therefrom, your Affiant submits that there is probable cause for the filing of this criminal complaint charging, "Matthew Stephan Romanchak" (DOB: 12/10/1989) an adult male, with the aforementioned felonies described including unlawful contact with a minor, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and criminal use of a communication facility among other offenses.

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(Signature of Affiant)

