

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
 COUNTY OF: LACKAWANNA
 Magisterial District Number: 45-1-02
 MDJ: Hon. ALYCE FARRELL
 Address: 130 NORTH WASHINGTON
 SCRANTON PA 18503
 Telephone: (570) 863-6518



POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
 VS.

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

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION:

Docket Number: OK-368-19 Date Filed: 08/23/2019 OTN/LiveScan Number: X 232143-1 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): Gen.
 First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

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.): 220
 FBI Number: _____ MNU Number: _____
 Defendant Fingerprinted: YES NO Pt. HEIGHT in: 6 10
 Fingerprint Classification: _____

DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION

Plate #: _____ State: _____ Hazmat: Registration Sticker (MMYY): _____ 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) _____ (Signature of the attorney for the Commonwealth) _____ 08/23/2019 (Date)

I, Daniel Block (Name of the Affiant) 740 (PSP/MFOETC - 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 417 LACKAWANNA AVE SCRANTON PA 18503 (Subdivision Code) (Place-Political Subdivision)
 in LACKAWANNA County 35 on or about 08/23/2019 (County Code) (Offense Date)



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The acts committed by the accused are described below with each Act of Assembly or statute allegedly violated, if appropriate. When there is more than one offense, each offense should be numbered chronologically.
 (Set forth a brief summary of the facts sufficient to advise the defendant of the nature of the offense(s) charged. A citation to the statute(s) allegedly violated, without more, is not sufficient. In a summary case, you must cite the specific section(s) and subsection(s) of the statute(s) or ordinance(s) allegedly violated.)

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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Lead?	Offense#	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code	
					<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone		
PennDOT Data (if applicable) Accident Number									
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									

Inchoate Offense	<input checked="" 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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					<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone		
PennDOT Data (if applicable) Accident Number									
Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): ATTEMPT TO COMMIT INVOLUNTARY DEVIATE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE									
Acts of the accused associated with this Offense: See continuation page									

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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Lead?	Offense#	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code	
					<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone		
PennDOT Data (if applicable) Accident Number									
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 page									



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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.)

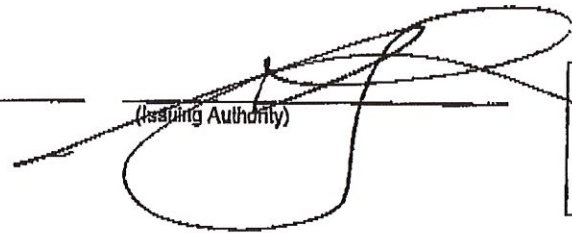
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(Date) (Year)

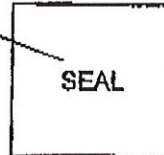

(Signature of Affiant)

AND NOW, on this date 8-23-19 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.

45-1-01
(Magisterial District Court Number)


(Issuing Authority)



ROMANCHAK, MATTHEW STEPHAN

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Charge 1, 6318 continuation

During the month of August, 2019, the defendant did intentionally contact a minor, or a law enforcement officer acting in the performance of his duties who had assumed the identity of a minor, for the purpose of engaging in the activity of any one or more of the activities prohibited in 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 the age of 29, did contact an undercover agent of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General who was posing as a 14 year old male for the purpose of engaging in oral sex and arranged a time and location to meet the 14 year old male, then showed up to the arranged location, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. §6318(a)(1), as amended.

Charge 2, 3123 continuation

On or about August 23, 2019, the defendant did commit an attempt when, with the intent to commit the crime of Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse, the said actor did the act or acts of engaging in a conversation with an undercover agent, who he believed to be a person under the age of 16 years, and attempted to meet the minor for the purpose of engaging in oral sex, which constituted a substantial step toward the commission of the aforementioned crime at a time when the purported minor would have been under 16 years of age and the defendant would have been more 4 years older than the minor, and the two were not married, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. § 901(a), 3123(a)(7), as amended.

Charge 3, 7512 continuation

During the month of August, 2019, 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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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 communications 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 23 day of August, 2019 Date 8-23-19 Date
Magisterial District Judge

My commission expires ~~first~~ Monday of January, 2024





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AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE CONTINUATION

This investigation involves an adult male who is known as "MATTHEW STEPHAN ROMANCHAK", hereinafter the Actor, who is alleged to have had unlawful contacts, via a communication facility, with a purported male minor who was in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of enticing the minor in prohibited/unlawful sexual activity.

In this investigation, your Affiant used a communication facility and assumed the identity of a male minor located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, while in the course of performing my official duties. Specifically, your Affiant monitored an account with the identity and characteristics of a 14 year old male child, known by a confidential name and identity to your Affiant.

On August 23, 2019 at approximately 9:55am, while online and acting in an undercover capacity, your Affiant was monitoring the account and began communications with a male utilizing the screen name "HEAD" and whose profile listed his age as 29. Your Affiant, posing as a minor child, communicated with this individual. Your Affiant indicated to the Actor that he was in fact 14 years old on multiple occasions, during the course of these communications. After telling the Actor the purported child's age, the Actor solicited the child for unlawful sexual contact in the way of: "just amazing head, have a dick pic, I just want you to lay back on your bed or couch and pull your shorts off and relax, I'm going to suck it."

The Actor then asked if they could meet up and requested the child's location. The address of the purported child was given to the Actor.

At approximately 11:20am, the Actor was spotted driving a white 2013 Toyota Prius, bearing PA license JKM-3314 in and around the area of the pre-determined meet location in Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA.

At approximately 11:30am, the Actor was taken into custody. The Actor was positively identified as "MATTHEW STEPHAN ROMANCHAK" (DOB: 12/10/1989). He was immediately advised of his Miranda rights verbally, by your Affiant.

The Actor was then interviewed regarding this incident. At this time, the Actor was again advised of his Rights per Miranda. The rights were given to the Actor in written and verbal form before any questioning. The Actor indicated that he understood his rights and having his rights in mind, he would answer questions without counsel being present. The Actor then signed an Advice of Rights form, documenting his decision to do so. The Actor was asked if he would give consent to allow Agents to access his cell phones. The Actor consented and signed the PA OAG consent forms.

During the interview, the Actor admitted to being the individual who was communicating with the purported child, during all of their communications. The Actor admitted that he was the person who was utilizing the social



(Signature of Affiant)



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media application to contact your Affiant's account. He also stated he is the only person who uses his cell phone and only he knows the password. He also stated only he utilized his phone during this investigation.

The Actor reported that he knew the child stated he was 14 years old, as articulated in their conversations. He also stated the child informed him that he was 14 years old on more than one occasion. The Actor reported that he did talk to the purported child about having oral sex in their communications. He stated he made a very bad choice and that this will destroy his life. He also stated that if he had met up with the purported 14 year old male, and they "clicked" he would have had oral sex with the minor child.

He also stated he has utilized the social media site for the past 5 years, having sexual contact with approximately two males (in their late teens or twenty's) each month.

The Actor was asked by your Affiant if he would consent to an audio recorded statement. The Actor consented and during the recorded statement the Actor stated the following: He stated he had been communicating with the underage male, that he knew male was 14, that he discussed oral sex with the 14 year old, that they arranged to meet, that he drove to the meet location and that if he had had the chance, and actually met the 14 year old he would have had oral sex with him.

The Actor gave your Affiant verbal and written permission to retrieve his phone. The phone was seized as evidence. This device was then previewed by your Affiant. Please note that what appeared to be the entire message thread between your Affiant and the Actor was found in text messages.

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 the Actor, "MATTHEW STEPHAN ROMANCHAK" (DOB: 12/10/1989) an adult male, with the aforementioned felonies described including unlawful contact with a minor and criminal use of a communication facility among other offenses.

(Signature of Affiant)