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PRESS RELEASE

CHARGED:

Moshe E. Markowitz (DOB-8/8/1975) 660 North Main Street Allentown, PA 18104

After a joint investigation by multiple law enforcement agencies, including the Washington Township Police (Warren County New Jersey), the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, Allentown Police Department and the Lehigh County District Attorney's Office, Moshe E. Markowitz has been arrested and charged in Warren County, New Jersey with endangering the welfare of a child.

The investigation was opened in early January of 2023 after a student at the Warren Hills Regional High School in Washington, New Jersey reported to the School Resource Officer that a friend was in an inappropriate relationship with a 47 year old male. The investigation revealed that a minor female had met Mr. Markowitz on the app, "Omegel" which promotes the ability to speak to strangers. Thereafter, Mr. Markowitz, using an alias "Steven Jones", engaged in sexually explicit conversations with the minor female on the app, "Discord". Investigation identified Markowitz as the individual involved in the inappropriate conversations. On March 14, 2023, a search warrant was executed at Markowitz's home at 660 Main St. in Allentown Pa. The home was searched and his electronic devices were seized. Thereafter law enforcement was able to uncover from the electronic devices the online chats which revealed graphic, sexually charged conversations. In addition, law enforcement was able to correlate the chats to the defendant. Thereafter it was learned that the defendant was a practicing pediatrician in the Allentown area employed by the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

The defendant has been charged with:

Third Degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child for Engaging in Sexual Conduct which would Impair or Debauch the Morals of a Child, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a(1)

The defendant is exposed to a maximum of 5 years in New Jersey State Prison and if convicted, will be obligated to register as a Sex Offender under New Jersey's Megan's Law.

Please note, all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Dated: March 23, 2023

Approved by:

JAMES L. PFEIFFER Prosecutor