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WEST CHESTER MAN ARRESTED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND FALSIFYING MILITARY DOCUMENTS

The Chester County District Attorney's Office and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) announces the arrest of Carlin Alexander, 32, of West Chester, after investigators found him in possession of thousands of images depicting child sexual abuse. Chester County Detectives also recovered a loaded Ruger handgun, forged military papers, and other contraband when they executed a search warrant at his residence. He is charged with multiple counts of Dissemination and Possession of Child Pornography, Person Not to Possess Firearms, Misrepresentation of Military Service or Honors, Tampering with Physical Evidence, and other offenses.

DA Deb Ryan said, "We are seeing far too many cases of child sexual abuse in Chester County, including child pornography, and the people who engage in these horrific criminal acts will be prosecuted to the fullest. These child victims were sexually abused and now those images are used to reoffend and re-traumatize these innocent victims. The defendant not only distributed and possessed child sexual abuse materials, but dishonored our U.S. military by forging military service documents in an attempt to cover-up a dishonorable discharge. We will get justice."

The allegations in the complaint are the following¹:

The defendant was arrested on August 12, 2021, by Chester County Detectives and West Chester Police following an investigation into child pornography that began earlier this year with information the ICAC Task Force received from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).

During their investigation, Chester County Detectives received information indicating that the defendant was in possession of numerous images/videos depicting child sexual abuse at his residence in West Chester.

When investigators executed a search warrant of the defendant's home on South Church Street, among the items recovered, were a cell phone, tablet, laptop, hard drives, and computer equipment.

Detectives found that a number of the items seized had been remotely reset to factory settings. Nevertheless, the Chester County Computer Forensic Unit retrieved thousands of child pornography images from the recovered devices. Further information indicated that the defendant was disseminating child sexual abuse materials as well.

Investigators recovered a loaded gun that the defendant could not legally possess.

Forged military service documents were seized. One showed a dishonorable discharge as a private in the U.S. Marines, while another showed an honorable discharge as a Marine corporal. A Marine dress uniform with a rank of sergeant was displayed in the defendant's living room.

The defendant was arraigned before District Court Judge Marian Vito and was remanded to Chester County Prison on \$130,000 cash bail.

Chester County Detectives are investigating. Christine Abatemarco is the assigned prosecutor.

Please contact Chester County Detectives with more information about this case at 610-344-6866.

¹ A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The ICAC Task Force is funded through a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), based in Washington. ICAC provides resources for the investigation of the exploitation of children on the Internet. The ICAC Task Force in Chester County is comprised of Chester County Detectives, as well as investigators from local municipalities.

Approved for release by Deborah Ryan, District Attorney