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### **JAMES WHELOCK OF GLENSIDE ARRESTED FOR POSSESSING SEXUALLY EXPLICIT IMAGES OF CHILDREN**



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Nov. 27, 2017) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Abington Township Police Chief John A. Livingood announce the arrest of James Wheelock, 50, of Glenside, for possessing sexually explicit images of children and related charges.

During the third week of November, a witness contacted police and provided them with two images taken from Wheelock's cell phone. The images depicted children under the age of 18 engaged in sexual acts or poses. A search warrant was executed for Wheelock's residence, and electronic devices including his cell phone were seized. A forensic examination of the defendant's phone found 45 images of child pornography, which depicted children engaged in sexual acts or being sexually assaulted. The cell phone also contained messages between Wheelock and another person in which they spoke about wanting to sexually assault a 7-year-old child and an 8-month-old baby.

Wheelock was arrested on Nov. 22, 2017, and charged with 45 counts of Sexual Abuse of Children—Child Pornography and Criminal Use of a Communications Facility. He was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Juanita A. Price, who set bail at \$100,000 cash. The defendant failed to post bail and was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 11:45 a.m., Dec. 5, 2017, in front of Judge Price.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Brittenburg.

Approved for release:

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