

Judicial Conduct Board
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
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Press Release

November 4, 2020

FROM: Richard W. Long
Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Magisterial District Judge Michael E. Schechterly
Magisterial District Court 41-3-04
Forty-first Judicial District
Perry County

Harrisburg. Today the Judicial Conduct Board filed a petition in the Court of Judicial Discipline seeking an interim order directing the suspension without pay of Perry County Magisterial District Judge Michael E. Schechterly, pending final disposition of his criminal charges. The Board took this action after the Office of Attorney General charged Judge Schechterly with a felony and two misdemeanor criminal offenses on Monday. As to the pending criminal charges, Judge Schechterly enjoys the presumption of innocence unless and until he is convicted.

Please visit the Board's website at www.jcbpa.org (select the Resource Tab then select Press Releases in the drop down menu) to view the petition.

Court filings for all cases prosecuted by the Board are available on the Court of Judicial Discipline website at <http://www.pacourts.us/courts/court-of-judicial-discipline>.

Counsel:

Representing the Judicial Conduct Board: Colby J. Miller, Deputy Counsel

Representing Magisterial District Judge Michael E. Schechterly: TBD

Contact: Richard W. Long, Chief Counsel

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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COURT OF JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE
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IN RE:

Michael E. Schechterly, Esq.
Magisterial District Judge
Magisterial District Court 41-3-04
Perry County

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PETITION FOR RELIEF FOR INTERIM SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY

AND NOW, this 4th day of November, 2020, comes the Judicial Conduct Board of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Board), by and through undersigned counsel, and files this Petition For Relief For Interim Suspension Without Pay pursuant to Rule 701 of the Court of Judicial Discipline Rules of Procedure, and in support thereof, avers the following:

1. The Pennsylvania Constitution provides this Court with the authority to impose interim suspension as follows:

Prior to a hearing, the court may issue an interim order directing suspension, with or without pay, of any justice, judge or justice of the peace against whom formal charges have been filed with the court by the board or against whom has been filed an indictment or information charging a felony. An interim order under this paragraph shall not be considered a final order from which an appeal may be taken.

Pa. Const, Art. V, § 18(d)(2).

2. From approximately January 2, 2012, until the present, Judge Michael E. Schechterly, served continuously as the duly elected Magisterial District Judge of Magisterial District Court 41-3-04, Perry County.

3. By criminal complaint filed November 2, 2020, at ***Commonwealth v. Michael E. Schechterly***, MJ-092020-CR-0482-2020, the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General (OAG) filed criminal charges against Judge Schechterly stemming from a criminal investigation conducted by the Pennsylvania State Police. A true and correct copy of the criminal complaint is attached hereto as Attachment A, made a part hereof, and incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full.
4. The OAG charged Judge Schechterly with the following offenses: (1) unlawful contact with minor, 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 6318(a)(1), a felony of the third degree; (2) corruption of minors, 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 6301(a)(1)(i), a misdemeanor of the first degree; (3) indecent assault of a child 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 3126(a)(7), a misdemeanor of the first degree.
5. The allegations supporting the felony charge and the misdemeanor charges pending against Judge Schechterly undermine both public confidence in the judiciary and its reputation. If Judge Schechterly is permitted to continue participating in cases before Magisterial District Court 41-3-04 during the pendency of these charges, the public's confidence in the judiciary will continue to erode.
6. At Judge Schechterly's preliminary arraignment, Magisterial District Judge Jonathan R. Birbeck denied Judge Schechterly bail, reasoning that he is a danger to himself and the public. Judge Schechterly is currently incarcerated in the Cumberland County Prison.

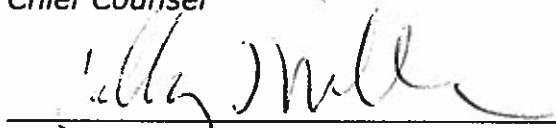
WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that this Honorable Court immediately enter an interim order suspending Judge Schechterly without pay based on the felony and misdemeanor charges filed against him and to grant such other relief as may be deemed appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD W. LONG
Chief Counsel

DATE: November 4, 2020

BY:


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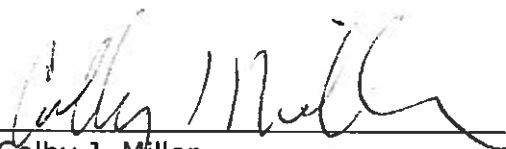
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VERIFICATION

I, Colby J. Miller, Deputy Counsel to the Judicial Conduct Board, verify that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that the statements made in this petition are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 4904, regarding unsworn falsification to authorities.

November 4, 2020

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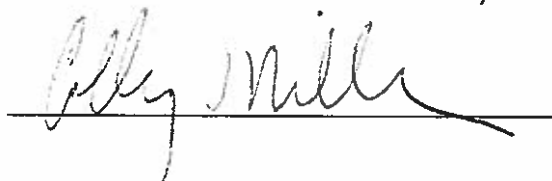
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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Submitted by: Judicial Conduct Board of Pennsylvania

Signature:



Name:

Colby J. Miller
Deputy Counsel

Attorney No:

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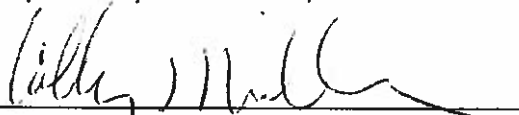
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PROOF OF SERVICE

In compliance with Rule 122 of the Court of Judicial Discipline Rules of Procedure, on November 4, 2020, a copy of the Board's foregoing Petition was hand-delivered to Judge Schechterly, at the following address:

Cumberland County Prison
1101 Claremont Road
Carlisle, PA 17015

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENT A

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**POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
VS.**

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF: PERRY**

Magisterial District Number: 41-3-04
MDJ Name: Hon. JONATHAN BIRBECK
Address: 133 S 5TH ST
NEWPORT, PA 17074
Telephone: 717-567-6365

DEFENDANT: (NAME and ADDRESS):
MICHAEL E. SCHECHTERLY
First Name Middle Name Last Name Gen.
22 N. 6TH ST
NEWPORT, PA 17074

717-379-4760

NCIC EXTRADITION CODE TYPE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-Felony Full	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-Felony Pend.	<input type="checkbox"/> C-Misdemeanor Surrounding States	Distance:
<input type="checkbox"/> 2-Felony Ltd.	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-Felony Pend. Extradition Determ.	<input type="checkbox"/> D-Misdemeanor No Extradition	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-Felony Surrounding States	<input type="checkbox"/> A-Misdemeanor Full	<input type="checkbox"/> E-Misdemeanor Pending	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4-Felony No Ext.	<input type="checkbox"/> B-Misdemeanor Limited	<input type="checkbox"/> F-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition Determ.	

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Docket Number CR-482-20	Date Filed 11/2/20	OTN/LiveScan Number U 929903-2	Complaint/Incident Number PA2020-777822	Request Lab Services? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
GENDER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	DOB 07/04/1962	POB PA	Add'l DOB	Co-Defendant(s) <input type="checkbox"/>
AKA		First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name: Gen.
RACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	ETHNICITY <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
HAIR COLOR <input type="checkbox"/> GRY (Gray) <input type="checkbox"/> BLK (Black) <input type="checkbox"/> BLN (Blonde / Strawberry)	<input type="checkbox"/> RED (Red / Auburn.) <input type="checkbox"/> ONG (Orange)	<input type="checkbox"/> SDY (Sandy) <input type="checkbox"/> WHI (White)	<input type="checkbox"/> BLU (Blue) <input type="checkbox"/> XXX (Unk / Bald)	<input type="checkbox"/> PLE (Purple) <input type="checkbox"/> GRN (Green) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BRO (Brown) <input type="checkbox"/> PNK (Pink)
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DNA <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	DNA Location	MNU Number		WEIGHT (lbs.) 180
FBI Number	Ft. HEIGHT in. 5		11	
Defendant Fingerprinted <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Fingerprint Classification:			

DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION

Plate #	State	Hazmat <input type="checkbox"/>	Registration Sticker (MM/YY)	Comm'l Veh. Ind. <input type="checkbox"/>	School Veh. <input type="checkbox"/>	Oth. NCIC Veh. Code	Reg. same as Def. <input type="checkbox"/>
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. Pa. R. Crim P. 507.)

DANIEL J. DYE - ATTORNEY GENERAL
(Name of Attorney for Commonwealth - Please Print or Type)

DJD/s/ 11/2/20
(Signature of Attorney for Commonwealth) (Date)

I, CPL KYLE TOBIN and TPR, TRISHA CAMPBELL
(Name of Affiant - Please Print or Type)

00624056/10310 and 00678079/11121
(PSP/APOETC - Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge #)

of the Pennsylvania State Police, Troop H, Newport
(Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision)

PAPSP1800
(Police Agency ORI Number)

do hereby state: (check appropriate box)

- 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 is 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: 409 22 N. 6TH ST, NEWPORT BOROUGH
(Subdivision Code) (Place-Political Subdivision)

in PERRY County 50 on or about 2011-2012
(County Code) (Offense Date)



POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Docket Number: CR-482-20	Date Filed: 11/2/20	OTN/LiveScan Number U 929903-2	Complaint/Incident Number PA2020-777822
Defendant Name	First: MICHAEL	Middle: E.	Last: SCHECHTERLY

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: 0
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lead?	1	6318	(a)	of the	Title 18 , PA Crimes Code	1	F3		260/90Z
Offense #	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)		Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code	

PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

UNLAWFUL CONTACT WITH MINOR

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT commits an offense if he is intentionally in contact with a minor, or a law enforcement officer acting in the performance of his duties who has assumed the identity of a minor, for the purpose of engaging in an activity prohibited under any of the following, and either the person initiating the contact or the person being contacted is within this Commonwealth: (1) Any of the offenses enumerated in Chapter 31, (2) Open lewdness as defined in section 5901, (3) Prostitution as defined in section 5902, (4) Obscene and other sexual materials and performances as defined in section 5903, (5) Sexual abuse of children as defined in section 6312, (6) Sexual exploitation of children as defined in section 6320. TO WIT: The DEFENDANT did touch the genital area / penis of a 12 year old child identified as K.C.K. (D.O.B. 6/19/2000)

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: 0
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<input type="checkbox"/> Lead?	2	6301	(a)(1)(i)	of the	Title 18 , PA Crimes Code	1	M1		260/90Z
Offense #	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)		Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code	

PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

CORRUPTION OF MINORS

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT, except as provided in subparagraph (ii), whoever, being of the age of 18 years and upwards, by any act corrupted or tends to corrupt the morals of any minor less than 18 years of age, or who aided, abetted, enticed, or encouraged any such minor in the commission of any crime, or who knowingly assisted or encouraged such minor in violating his or her parole or any order of court, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree. To WIT: The DEFENDANT did touch the genital area / penis of a minor child identified as K.C.K, and/or did touch his genitals in the presence of the child.



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Defendant Name	First: MICHAEL	Middle: E.	Last: SCHECHTERLY

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: 0
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<input type="checkbox"/> Lead?	3	3126	(a)(7)	of the	Title 18 , PA Crimes Code	1	M1		170/11D
	Offense #	Section	Subsection		PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code

PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):
Indecent Assault

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:
IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT did have indecent contact with a complainant, namely (minor child identified as K.C.K 10 to 12 YOA at the time of the offense), or did cause the complainant to have indecent contact with the defendant, without the complainant's consent, in violation of Section 3126(a)(1) of the PA Crimes Code. To WIT: The DEFENDANT did touch the minor child's penis / genital area and/or cause the child to touch the DEFENDANT's penis / genital area.

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: 0
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):



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Defendant Name	First: MICHAEL	Middle: E.	Last: SCHECHTERLY

- 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 1 through 5
- 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.)

NOVEMBER 2, 2020

(Date)

C.P. J. [Signature] ^{1070/100 2nd floor} ¹¹¹²¹
(Signature of Affiant)

AND NOW, on this date, Nov 2, 2020 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.

09-2-02

(Magisterial District Court Number)

[Signature]
(Issuing Authority)



POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

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Defendant Name:	First: Michael	Middle: E.	Last: SCHECHTERLY

AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE

Your affiants for this arrest warrant are Pennsylvania State Troopers. Corporal Kyle Tobin and Trooper Trisha Campbell are both currently assigned to the Pennsylvania State Police, Newport Station, Criminal Investigation Unit. Your affiants have been so employed for a combined total of twenty-five years, with over ten years' experience as criminal investigators. Both affiants have extensive experience as well as training in criminal investigation. Your affiants have successfully investigated and arrested over one hundred persons for violations of criminal law in Pennsylvania, including a variety of sex crimes involving children. Both affiants have conducted successful investigations that have led to the arrest and prosecution of offenders for major crimes to include Rape, Sexual Assault, Murder / Criminal Homicide. The facts set forth in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of each affiant's knowledge and belief.

The initial complaint originated in 2015 as it was reported the Judge Michael SCHECHTERLY had young boys spending the night at his Magisterial District Court Office located at 133 S. 5th St, Newport Borough, Perry County. Through the course of that investigation it was discovered that Judge SCHECHTERLY had four (4) young boys spending the night at his office on 8/12/15 from 2150 hour until the next morning at 0700 hours. It was also reported that Judge SCHECHTERLY had pornographic videos in his office. Search warrants were obtained for Judge SCHECHTERLY's office and personal residence also located in Newport Borough. Notable videos depicted young females engaged in BDSM type sexual activity and appeared as being sexually assaulted or abused was found on DVD's in the Judge's Office. Additionally, surveillance video was obtained and material concerning Royal Rangers was found in Judge SCHECHTERLY's office desk. In consultation with the Perry County District Attorney's Office no charges were filed at that time.

However, on 3/2/19 the Pennsylvania State Police at Newport again received information from the Perry County District Attorney's Office that initiated a criminal investigation into Judge Michael SCHECHTERLY

WE, CPL KYLE TOBIN and TPR. TRISHA CAMPBELL, 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 OUR KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

WE 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.

Cpl. Kyle Tobin for Tpr. Trisha Campbell
(Signature of Affiant)

Sworn to me and subscribed before me this 2nd day of NOV 2020

_____, Date _____, Magisterial District Judge

My commission expires first Monday of January, 2024





**POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
AFFIDAVIT CONTINUATION PAGE**

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Defendant Name:	First: Michael	Middle: E.	Last: SCHECHTERLY

AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE CONTINUATION

having inappropriate contact with minor children at his Newport Borough residence and district court office. The District Attorney's office had received a complaint from a William BENNER.

William BENNER was interviewed in reference to this investigation and stated that he had suspicions that a child with special needs identifies as K.C.K. has possibly had inappropriate contact with Judge Michael SCHECHTERLY. William BENNER stated that he knew the child well and that on one instance the child had disclosed concerning behavior by Judge Michael SCHECHTERLY to him. William BENNER stated that he thought the matter needed to be investigated further by the state police and that is why he forwarded the information to the Perry County District Attorney's Office.

When asked what the concerning behavior about Judge SCHECHTERLY, BENNER stated that K.C.K. made an unprovoked statement "he is a weird guy," when talking about Judge SCHECHTERLY. BENNER further stated that K.C.K. then stated that while in Royal Rangers, SCHECHTERLY would walk around his house in his underwear, and was scratching his balls. BENNER stated that K.C.K. then stated that he told him to stop, but SCHECHTERLY kept walking and scratching.

On 4/11/19, a forensic interview was conducted at the Children's Resource Center in Harrisburg, PA by a child interview specialist. The interview was audibly and visually recorded. During that interview K.C.K. did relate that one time he saw SCHECHTERLY laying in his underwear scratching his "balls," while at SCHECHTERLY's residence. No action was taken at that time.

On 5/28/20 Pennsylvania State Police at Newport became aware of additional concerns regarding SCHECHTERLY'S ongoing contact with minors. It was determined that in addition to the previously complaints of alleged inappropriate contact and concerns regarding children having sleepovers at Judge SCHECHTERLY's office, Judge SCHECHTERLY had continued to bring children to his office during the COVID-19 shut down in the early Spring of 2020.

An interview was conducted with Judge SCHECHTERLY's secretary Jamie YORK who observed two young boys at the office and became alarmed as he followed one of the boys to the bathroom and significant amount of time passed prior to returning. YORK had gone to check on the boy but met Judge SCHECHTERLY and the boy in the hallway returning from the bathroom. YORK could not identify the boys. It was learned, in this investigation, that these boys were also having sleepovers at SCHECHTERLY's residence. It was determined that these boys were not related to SCHECHTERLY.

In cooperation with the Perry County District Attorney's Office, a search warrant was obtained for the surveillance video operating in Judge SCHECHTERLY's office. On 06/03/20 at approximately 2245 hours, the search warrant was executed at 133 South 5th Street, Newport Borough for the video surveillance. Through this surveillance, it was learned that Judge SCHECHTERLY had children at his District Court Office, that are not his own nor are they of relation to SCHECHTERLY. This was outside of normal operating hours while


(Signature of Affiant)



**POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
AFFIDAVIT CONTINUATION PAGE**

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Defendant Name:	First: Michael	Middle: E.	Last: SCHECHTERLY

AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE CONTINUATION

no other adults were present. Judge SCHECHTERLY was found not to be conducting district court duties during these times. One of the videos observed, showed Judge SCHECHTERLY holding two male children under 10 years of age on his lap. This same video showed the one male child making attempts to remove himself from Judge SCHECHTERLY's lap while being prevented from doing so by SCHECHTERLY.

The children observed on SCHECHTERLY's lap and other videos were identified and interviewed at the Children's Resource Center in Harrisburg, PA.

On or about 6/25/20, the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General assumed jurisdiction of this matter due to SHECHTERLY'S role as a state employee and to avoid any appearance of conflict on the part of the Perry County District Attorney's Office.

On 6/30/20, Judge Michael SCHECHTERLY was interviewed at the Pennsylvania State Police Newport Station in reference to this investigation. Judge SCHECHTERLY is known to the Pennsylvania State Police as the Magisterial District Judge for District Court 41-3-04. SCHECHTERLY is known as "Commander Mike" as the Royal Ranger Leader in his church at Newport Assembly of God. SCHECHTERLY is also the Sectional Royal Ranger Commander, covering six counties in Pennsylvania and is part of the Penn-Del District. Prior to becoming the District Judge, SCHECHTERLY taught school for three years in Halifax, one year as a long-term substitute and approximately eight years at what was Perry Christian Academy. After teaching, SCHECHTERLY attended law school and became a defense attorney prior to running for Magisterial District Judge.

During this interview, SCHECHTERLY initially denied that he had juvenile males sleeping over at the district justice office and later confirmed that juvenile males in the Royal Ranger Program did sleep over at the office.

SCHECHTERLY discussed his porn addiction during this interview and stated that the 2015 investigation was a wake-up call that he needed. SCHECHTERLY stated that he joined a local support group "Genesis" through his church and has not had the desire for porn or masturbation since this time. SCHECHTERLY stated some of the porn found in 2015 was Sadomasochism in addition to the regular porn. SCHECHTERLY admitted that he was consumed by it even affecting his time, thoughts and views on women. SCHECHTERLY discussed his masturbation habits, masturbating up to several times a day, to include self-induced bondage and regularly masturbating at the district court office. When question regarding stains on surfaces in the district court he indicated those stains would likely be his semen. In the course of this conversation SHECHTERLY admitted that as an adolescent he was sexually attracted to boys. SCHECHTERLY attributed this as normal for adolescent boys to be attracted to one another as "a natural stage of growth".

When confronted with C.R.C. interview of what K.C.K. observed with SCHECHTERLY's hand being in his pants, SCHECHTERLY indicated that he could not say he had never masturbated while a child was in his care or in his home.


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**POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
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AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE CONTINUATION

SCHECHTERLY was asked if he has ever had sexual contact with a child. SCHECHTERLY stated that on one occasion he had a boy (approximately 12 years of age) at his house and he touched the boys crotch / groin area. SCHECHTERLY explained that the boy took his hand (SCHECHTERLY's hand) and put it on the child's crotch. SCHECHTERLY stated that he told the boy no and pulled his hand away. SCHECHTERLY then changed his story and stated that the boy took his own hand and placed it on SCHECHTERLY's crotch.

When questioned further SCHECHTERLY stated that the touching was not an accidental touch. When questioned about the identity of the boy SCHECHTERLY stated that he could not remember the boy's name but that he was 50% sure that it was K.C.K. or his older brother identified as K.K. K.K. was interviewed and denied any inappropriate behavior between himself and Judge SCHECHTERLY. K.K. stated that when Judge SCHECHTERLY stated that this touching of a child was either him or his brother K.C.K. that it had to be his younger brother K.C.K. SCHECHTERLY explained his inability to recall the specific child by stating that there have been so many boys it was difficult to recall.

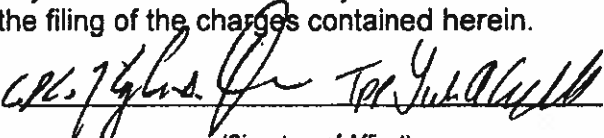
On 10/8/20, K.C.K. was interviewed at the Pennsylvania State Police Newport Station in reference to this investigation. K.C.K. reiterated in this interview what he disclosed during his C.R.C. interview on 4/11/19. K.C.K. again described that he had gone to take a shower while spending the night at Judge SCHECHTERLY's residence. K.C.K. described when he came out of the shower and returned downstairs, he went into the living room where Judge SCHECHTERLY was on the couch. K.C.K. stated that he observed Judge SCHECHTERLY with his hand in his pants playing with himself / scratching himself. K.C.K. stated that SCHECHTERLY's hand was in his pants for approximately five (5) minutes.

During the initial portion of the interview K.C.K. was asked if he was ever touched in his genital area by Judge SCHECHTERLY or if he had ever touched Judge SCHECHTERLY in his genital area. K.C.K. stated that this had never happened.

K.C.K. was then shown a portion of the interview of Judge SCHECHTERLY on 6/30/20 when he admitted to the touching and named K.C.K. as the possible child that was involved. After being confronted with Judge SCHECHTERLY's admission to the touching, K.C.K. disclosed that when he and Judge SCHECHTERLY were sitting on the couch watching television. K.C.K. stated that Judge SCHECHTERLY reached over and placed his hand on K.C.K.'s privates. K.C.K.'s date of birth is 06/19/2000. He would have been 12 years old at the time of this assault.

Coupled with Judge SCHECHTERLY's admission and K.C.K.'s recollection of Judge SCHECHTERLY touching the genital area of K.C.K. an arrest warrant is being requested at this time for the accused Michael E. SCHECHTERLY.

Assistant Chief Deputy Attorney General Daniel J. Dye of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General has reviewed the averments made within this affidavit and has approved the filing of the charges contained herein.


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