

MC CONSTABLE, PRECINCT 1

Incident #: 22D027662

Reporting Officer: SERRATT, JERRY

Report Time: 06/23/2022 20:06:55

Incident

Incident Nature

CYBER CRIME

Occurred To 06/23/2022 20:06:55

Contact

Disposition Date 06/23/2022

Cleared Date

Address

27000 INTERSTATE 45; **BOWLERO BOWLING ALLEY** CONROE, TEXAS 77385

Received By SERRATT, JERRY

IBR Disposition **ACTIVE**

Clearance **ARREST**

Cleared

Occurred From

06/23/2022 20:06:55

How Received **OFFICER** Off. Grade Felony 2

Case Status STATE'S ATTORNEY

STATE OF TEXAS Complainant

Address 207 W PHILLIPS ST

CONROE TX 77301

Phone ()-

Race

DOB

Responding Officer

SERRATT, **JERRY**

Circumstances

PARKING LOT OR GARAGE

Modus Operandi

M.O. Method

SUSPECT USED A PHONE ACTIONS

Case Numbers 22E025049

Offenses

UNIFORM CRIME REPORT CODE

Persons

HOPKINS, LAWRENCE C

ARRESTED

Address

4623 LAKE MILL CT **BAYTOWN TEXAS 77521**

WHITE (HISPANIC OR

LATINO)

Height 5'11"

DOB

Ethnicity

DOB

Ethnicity

NON-HISPANIC

STATE OF TEXAS

COMPLAINANT

Address

207 W PHILLIPS ST **CONROE TEXAS 77301**

Race

Sex

Height

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Sex

Weight

200

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Weight 0

Property

CELLULAR

Model

iPhone

Color Quantity BLACK/BLACK

Measurement

\$50.00 Owner Status

Brand

Apple

Brand

Apple

HOPKINS, LAWRENCE C

Amount Recovered

Serial Number DX4ZWXXKKXKN

Total Value \$50.00

Date Recovered 06/23/2022

Serial Number

Date Recovered

06/23/2022

N/A Total Value

\$100.00

COMPUTER

Model iMac Laptop

Quantity SILVER/ALUMINUM/SILVER/ALUMINUM

Measurement

Amount Recovered

\$100.00

Status

HOPKINS, LAWRENCE C

EVIDENCE

EVIDENCE

USB DRIVE

Model

Serial Number NA

USB Drive

Brand

Status

BLACK/GREEN

Measurement

Quantity 3

Amount Recovered \$5.00

Owner

HOPKINS, LAWRENCE C

EVIDENCE

Total Value \$5.00

Date Recovered 07/14/2022

COMPUTER EQUIP

EVIDENCE

Brand Model Serial Number Seagate External Hard N/A

Color Quantity Total Value

Color Quantity Total Value BLUE/WHITE 1 \$50.00

Measurement Amount Recovered Date Recovered \$50.00 07/14/2022

Status Owner

HOPKINS, LAWRENCE C

Vehicles

2016 NISSAN ROGUE

OFFENDER VEHICLE

 License
 State
 Color BLACK

 VIN
 Owner HOPKINS, LAWRENCE C
 License Type ALL OTHERS

Value Amount Recovered \$0.00 \$1,500.00

Narratives

Original Narrative

07/29/2022 13:53:25

Introduction:

I, Jerry Serratt, a peace officer certified by the State of Texas, am currently employed as a detective for the Montgomery County Precinct 1 Constable's Office. I have been a law enforcement officer for an excess of 19 years. I am currently assigned to the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office Internet Crimes Against Children Division, where my duties include the investigation of Child Pornography, Online Solicitation of a Minor, and offenses involving Child Sexual Exploitation.

I am currently a member of the ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Taskforce for the Houston Metro area. I possess a Master Peace Officer's License. I have attended and passed the Undercover Chat and the Online Ads Investigator certification course and have demonstrated proficiency in this field.

Supplemental Narrative 07/29/2022 13:53:26 SERRATT, JERRY

Scene Summary:

Det. Serratt has created an undercover persona of a 14-year-old Female from The Woodlands, Montgomery County, Texas. During this investigation, Det. Serratt was located in Montgomery County, Texas while engaged in undercover communication with an individual, later identified as Lawrence Clayton HOPKINS (C/M DOB:

HOPKINS was located at 27000 Interstate 45 N in The Woodlands, Montgomery County, Texas.

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Investigation of Lawrence Clayton HOPKINS:

For purposes of conducting criminal investigations, I have created an undercover persona of a 14-year-old female from The Woodlands, Montgomery County, Texas.

During this investigation, I was located in Montgomery County, Texas, while engaged in undercover communication, through Kik application, with an individual, later identified as Lawrence Clayton HOPKINS (C/M DOB:

Kik is a social media application primarily used with smartphones that are used for instant messaging. KIK allows users to transmit messages to individual persons, as well as to groups of people. Kik allows its users to create a free account by email. Users can connect by searching for a particular user's username, scanning a Kik code, or using their phone contacts by entering their phone number. With Kik, users can send and receive an unlimited number of messages to anyone else who has a Kik account. Kik was built to mimic the look and functionality of smartphone SMS text messaging; however, it utilizes the smartphone's data plan or Wi-Fi connection to send and receive messages. Some of the features available to the Kik user are inviting friends; getting notifications when messages are sent or received; and the use of Kik code scanning. In addition to sending and receiving text messages, Kik users can post photos, GIFs, videos, sketches, and emoticons.

During the month of July 8, 2021, and June 23, 2022, I was communicating with the suspect through the social media site application Kik. Affiant noticed that the suspect's Kik display name was "L C". The suspect's Kik user name was "clay923". There is a difference between a Kik display name and a Kik username. When a person signs up for Kik, that person has to create a display name, which is the name that other Kik users see when they view your profile and communicate with you. It is the name that appears in your conversations with your friends, in notifications, and on your friend's contact lists. Your display name is significant regarding how people can identify you in the arena of Kik Messenger. I observed that the "L C" profile displayed a photograph of the Houston Astros logo.

On July 8, 2021, at 4:10 PM, I viewed a private Kik message from HOPKINS. The message read, "hey how's it goin?"

On September 15, 2021, at 9:42 AM, HOPKINS private message my female persona on Kik. The message read, "Hello". During the conversation, HOPKINS stated he was 54 years of age and I advised HOPKINS that the female persona was 13 years of age. Further in the conversation, HOPKINS asked to see my female persona. This detective sent an undercover photograph of the female persona. The female persona was aged reduced in the photograph. HOPKINS sent a photograph of a male's face.

HOPKINS wrote, "Let's just say this might go in a different direction if you were 18" and "I would def be interested".

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Investigation of Lawrence Clayton HOPKINS:

October 6, 2021, HOPKINS and I started to communicate by private message on Kik. During the conversation, HOPKINS wrote, "But you're 13 and full of life!!" HOPKINS and I kept communicating throughout October 2021.

October 26, 2021, HOPKINS and I started to communicate by private message through Kik. During the message, HOPKINS wrote, "I think you said you are 14?" and I replied, "13 btw". HOPKINS responded, "9th grade and only 13??" and "Impressive". HOPKINS asked for another photograph of the female persona, which was given of the undercover female persona.

During the conversations back and forth, I noticed my Kik account closed and the Kik account was reset. This is normal for Kik applications to do. Once the Kik account resets, you will still have access to the account but your chats are deleted in the Kik application. I was able to screenshot the chat conversations and store them for future reference in this case.

The conversations were lost from the end of October 2021 and I was able to start screen saving the chats on April 12, 2022. Because the chats were lost at that time, this detective stated the female persona aged again for the investigation for April 2022.

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Investigation of Lawrence Clayton HOPKINS:

On June 22, 2022, HOPKINS and I were communicating in a private message on Kik. HOPKINS wrote, "Hey girl. HRU?" and Not bad. Just working. How's the summer? Bored yet?" I responded, "Always bored". Later HOPKINS wrote, "What should we do about it?" I responded, "Im open yo suggestiond". HOPKINS wrote, "You're in Conroe right?" I advised him the persona was watching the aunts house in The Woodlands for several days while the aunt was out of town. HOPKINS responded, "Ah gotcha. By yourself??" Once the female persona advised she was by herself, HOPKINS wrote, "Nice" and "14?" I then responded, "Yes".

During the communication, HOPKINS wrote, "Been a good girl?? Or naughty?" HOPKINS wrote, "You'd let me fuck you?" and "Bet you are tight." Hopkins then sent a photograph of a back seat of a vehicle. HOPKINS wrote, "Would you climb on my lap back there?" I noticed HOPKINS write, "Hey how's Thursday?" and "Should I come over? Lol."

On June 23, 2022, HOPKINS and I started to communicate through private messages on Kik. HOPKINS wrote, "Hey how's Thursday?" Further in the conversation, HOPKINS wrote, "Should I come over? Lol". HOPKINS wrote, "When does you aunt get home" and "Might head up that way tho." HOPKINS stated he was at Hobby Airport. The female persona wrote, "Annnnd whaaa we going to doooooi" and Hopkins responded, "Anything you want". The female persona wrote, "Ohhhhh what is on you prevy mind" and HOPKINS responded, "Let you suck me". HOPKINS then wrote, "Or you can ride me". HOPKINS stated that he was fixed and could not get the female persona pregnant. HOPKINS then sent a photograph. I viewed the photograph which was a male grabbing his penis from the outside of his pants.

HOPKINS then asked if he would be picking up the female persona at the Aunt's house and if the female persona would walk to a bowling alley. HOPKINS asked what the female persona would be wearing and wrote, "If shorts are loose enough you don't even have to take them all the way off" and "I can just slide up the leg and pull panties over to side".

I provided the bowling alley information to HOPKINS. At 4:58 PM, HOPKINS wrote, "Headed to the woodlands. Be there in about an hour".

ICAC Task Force and I went to the meeting location to wait for the HOPKINS' arrival. During the investigation, I was able to run HOPKINS' facial photograph through a law enforcement site and I was able to identify HOPKINS and a possible vehicle he would be driving to the location. On this date around 6:00 PM, HOPKINS message that he was almost to the location. While on location, I noticed a black-in-color SUV coming to the location. I viewed the driver and noticed it depict the same person that HOPKINS sent of himself in September 2021. I called in the Montgomery County Pct. 3 marked units to make the traffic stop. Deputy J. Ravari and Deputy M. Fulton were the Officers to conduct the traffic stop. HOPKINS was identified with his Texas driver's license. One cellphone was located in HOPKINS's vehicle and an Apple Laptop was located in the back seat of the vehicle.

HOPKINS was brought back to the Montgomery County Pct. 3 Constable's Office to speak about the situation. Montgomery County Pct. 2 Investigator Pam Minchew and I were in the interview with HOPKINS. HOPKINS was read his Miranda Rights and agreed to talk. HOPKINS stated he was on a social media site and came to the meeting location to meet with a 14-year-old female. HOPKINS stated the messages stated he was going to have a sexual encounter; however, he was not going to have sex with the 14-year-old. HOPKINS stated he was an associate pastor for a church in Baytown. HOPKINS then stated he had been a youth minister for around 20 years. Hopkins permitted his cellphones to be forensically downloaded and signed a form to take over his online social media. During the interview, HOPKINS stated that he was at Hobby Airport picking up his daughter. I learned that his daughter was an adult. I also learned that HOPKINS' wife was calling the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department looking for her husband. While HOPKINS was taking the polygraph, I called HOPKINS' wife. I advised his wife that her husband was under arrest and that he would be transported to the Montgomery County Jail. I clarified if his daughter was flying into Hobby Airport and learned his daughter was flying in. I then advised that someone would need to go to the airport to pick up his daughter.

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Supplemental Narrative 07/29/2022 13:54:44 SERRATT, JERRY

Investigation of Lawrence Clayton HOPKINS:

On April 12, 2022, HOPKINS and I were communicating through private message on Kik. HOPKINS wrote, "And developing? If too chold like I know I couldn't. Have to be post-puberty" and "I guess if you've had sex though, you girl parts are developing". I responded, "Im 13 and developing". HOPKINS responded, "So who have you been with? How old?"

On April 13, 2022, HOPKINS and I were communicating through private message on Kik. HOPKINS wrote, "So what part of Conroe? You said a shopping center? What's there?" I then started to ask HOPKINS why he was asking that question, HOPKINS wrote, "Just curious for when I can get up there" and "SO you live close and could meet there?" HOPKINS then started to ask a question about the other male my female persona met. HOPKINS wrote, "Did you just give him a bj or did you ride him and have sex too?" HOPKINS wrote, "You enjoy riding?" and the female persona responded, "I do". HOPKINS wrote, "I love to be ridden," "Facing and reverse," and "And that's easiest for car sex". Further in the conversation, HOPKINS wrote, "Damn I'm turned on". HOPKINS asked if the female persona was in school the female persona replied, "Yes sir". HOPKINS wrote, "That's too bad I would tell you to touch yourself if you were alone at home". I noticed HOPKINS sent a photograph. The photograph was of a male grabbing his penis from the outside of his pants.

HOPKINS further wrote, "I would want you to suck on me and make sure I was fully hard. Then get on and ride me and hopefully you cum. Then get your mouth back on me to finish me off. No clean up that way" and "Are your boobs super sensitive?" HOPKINS asked if the female persona could sneak a photograph while in class. I provided a photograph of a school math book. HOPKINS replied, "Ooooo fun algebra?" and "And as much as math turns me on....a pic of you would be better". HOPKINS stated he was 60 miles away from the female persona area and wrote, "So one of these friday or Saturday I can head that way".

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Lawrence Clayton HOPKINS' Polygraph:

The polygraph was conducted by Texas Department of Public Safety Criminal Investigation Division Special Agent Jim Burkett. After the polygraph, SA Burkett stated during the pre-test interview, that HOPKINS admitted that he had been chatting with a 14-year-old female and admitted sending photographs to the 14-year-old female of his crouch area. HOPKINS said that he traveled to Montgomery County to meet with the female for sexual activity.

I also learned during the pre-test interview, that HOPKINS admitted that he had fantasized about some of the teenage girls that were in his youth group. HOPKINS further stated that he had masturbated thoughts of sexual activities with those girls. HOPKINS went on to say he had never physically sexually touched a minor. The polygraph is attached to this report. Also, attached to this report is an apology letter written by HOPKINS

After gathering all the information I determined that HOPKINS committed the offense of Online Solicitation of a Minor by knowingly soliciting, over the Internet, by electronic mail or text message or other electronic message service or system, or through a commercial online service, a minor to meet another person, including the actor, with the intent that the minor will engage in sexual contact, sexual intercourse, or deviate sexual intercourse with the actor or another person. HOPKINS was placed in custody for online solicitation of a minor - Felony 2. HOPKINS was transported to the Montgomery County Jail, without any incident. HOPKINS was released to the jail staff. The cellphone was placed in evidence for safe keeping.

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Investigation of Lawrence Clayton HOPKINS:

I received an email from Sergeant Randall from the Montgomery County Pct. 3 Constable's Office. Sgt. Randall wrote that Pct. 3 case number 22E025049 is associated with case number 22D027492. The take-down videos and body cameras involving this case were already uploaded to Evidence.com under case number 22E025049. The email is attached to this case file.

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Supplemental Narrative 07/29/2022 13:57:17 SERRATT, JERRY

Investigation of Lawrence Clayton HOPKINS:

Around the end of June 2022, I was contacted by Rolling Brook Fellowship Baytown's First Baptist Church. I spoke with Bill Yowell who is the Senior Pastor. Yowell stated that they located several personal USBs in HOPKINS' church office. Yowell asked if I could come to the church to retrieve the items. On July 14, 2022, I went to the Rolling Brook Fellowship and met with Yowell. Yowell stated that he placed the items in a brown paper bag. This detective to the paper bag and brought it to the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office and placed them in the ICAC evidence room for safekeeping.

In July 2022, I was informed that the cellphone was finished and the forensics were available in the ICAC evidence room. I reviewed the forensics and did not locate any child pornography on the forensic download.