

SAGAMORE HILLS PD



Incident Number

20-20100

Incident / Offense Report

Offense	Method Received O	Time Received 04/07/2020 11:18:35	Time Dispatched 04/07/2020 11:18:35	Time Arrived 04/07/2020 11:18:35	Time Cleared: 04/07/2020	
	Report Date / Time Date	Time	Incident Occurred From Date	Time	Incident Occured To Date	Time
	Tuesday 04/07/2020	11:18:35	Tuesday 04/07/2020	11:18:35	Tuesday 04/07/2020	11:18:35
Location of the Incident (Street #, Street, Apt. #, City, State, Zip) Zone						
719 VILLAGE CLUB DR SAGAMORE HILLS OH 44067 S						
Persons Involved: THOMAS PAUL ZELINKO - ARA JOANNA ZELINKO - OIV SOCIETY - VIC - - -			Property: LAPTOP CELLPHONE Amount: Type:			
Units:	Officers:					
1st: 0106	VICTORIA MIAVITZ					
2nd: 0103	DAN RICE					
3rd:						
4th:						
5th:	Photos:					
Codes:	Descriptions:	OFFENSES				
3704	OBSCENE MATERIAL-POSSESS			2907.32		
4804	EVIDENCE-DESTROYING			2921.12		
Weapons Used:		Trade Marks:			Hate Bias	
Entry:				Location Type: Single Family Home		
Refer to Arrest:	Incident #:	Tow#:	Dispatcher: MAC	Officer in Charge: MIA	Entry Id: MIA	
Case Status: CLOSED	Cleared Date:		Cleared By:			

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SHPD was contacted by ICAC regarding a cybertip in our Township.

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Persons Involved with Incident

Incident #: 2020100 **Relation:** ARA **Arrest #:** **CAD #:** **Date of Contact:** 10/23/2020 **Phone:** 216-978-7285
First Name: THOMAS **Middle:** PAUL **Last Name:** ZELINKO **Til:** MR. **DOB:** 06/21/1947 **SSN:** **Pager:**
Street #: 719 **Street Name:** VILLAGE CLUB ROAD **Apt:** **City:** SAGAMORE HILLS **St:** OH **Zip:** 44067 **Cell Phone:** 330-908-0787 **Employee Phone:**
Hgt: 509 **Wgt:** 200 **Hair:** WHI **Eyes:** BRO **Race:** W **Sex:** M **Physical Marks:**

Offenses:

Resident Class: Resident **Suspected of using:** / **Victim Type:**

Incident #: 2020100 **Relation:** OIV **Arrest #:** **CAD #:** **Date of Contact:** 07/15/2020 **Phone:**
First Name: JOANNA **Middle:** **Last Name:** ZELINKO **Til:** **DOB:** 05/03/1948 **SSN:** **Pager:**
Street #: 719 **Street Name:** VILLAGE CLUB ROAD **Apt:** **City:** SAGAMORE HILLS **St:** OH **Zip:** 44067 **Cell Phone:** **Employee Phone:**
Hgt: 500 **Wgt:** 130 **Hair:** BLN **Eyes:** BLU **Race:** W **Sex:** F **Physical Marks:**

Offenses:

Resident Class: Resident **Suspected of using:** / **Victim Type:**

Incident #: 2020100 **Relation:** VIC **Arrest #:** **CAD #:** **Date of Contact:** **Phone:**
First Name: SOCIETY **Middle:** **Last Name:** **Til:** **DOB:** **SSN:** **Pager:**
Street #: **Street Name:** **Apt:** **City:** **St:** **Zip:** **Cell Phone:** **Employee Phone:**
Hgt: **Wgt:** **Hair:** **Eyes:** **Race:** **Sex:** **Physical Marks:**

Offenses: 3704 OBSCENE MATERIAL-POSSESS
4804 EVIDENCE-DESTROYING

Resident Class: **Suspected of using:** / **Victim Type:** Other

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Property Involved with Incident

Item #: 001	Item : LAPTOP		NCIC#	Property Tag #
Make: HP	Model: LAPTOP	Serial #:	Quantity: 1.00	Unit Messure:
Value:	Owner Applied Number:	Type:	UCR Property Code:	
NCIC Entry:	NCIC Remove:			

Notes:

Item #: 002	Item : CELLPHONE		NCIC#	Property Tag #
Make: MOTO	Model: G6	Serial #: 351884091578494	Quantity: 1.00	Unit Messure:
Value:	Owner Applied Number:	Type:	UCR Property Code:	
NCIC Entry:	NCIC Remove:			

Notes:

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On this day, SHPD, with the assistance of ICAC, served a search warrant at 719 Village Club Road, the residence of Joanna and Thomas Zelinko. The search warrant was for child pornography. SHPD received two cybertips through ICAC and an extensive investigation was conducted. After gathering pertinent information a search warrant was obtained and executed.

SHPD and ICAC arrived at 863 West Aurora Road to meet and coordinate the arrival of units to the area of 719 Village Club Road. Once everyone was briefed and provided photos, all units dispersed and convened again at the target location. Myself and Sgt. Rice arrived and approached the residence with the search warrant in hand. Upon knocking, a female answered and asked "who is it?" Sgt. Rice answered, "Sagamore Hills Police Department". The female then asked what we wanted and he stated, "to talk to you". She stated she was not dressed and to give her a few minutes to get dressed. After a few minutes passed, a female opened the door. I recognized her from a picture and a conversation I had with her earlier. The female was Joanna Zelinko, wife of Thomas Zelinko. Sgt. Rice asked her if we could come in and she said "yes". Upon entering Sgt. Rice told her that we had a signed search warrant from a Judge for the search of her residence. We asked if Thomas was home and she stated that he was not. She said Thomas left a little after 0700 hours to go help a friend with some construction in Ohio City. Joanna inquired what the search warrant was for and was told for the search of anything electronic that could possess anything dealing with child pornography. Joanna was clearly taken back and visibly upset. She was asked to sit down on the couch in a front room of the home and advised that she was going to be detained and watched by a Sagamore Hills Police Officer until a search of her home was complete. She understood.

Myself and Sgt. Rice began to search the home. While searching the north part of the home, on the back dining room table, was a grey HP Laptop computer. This item was photographed and taken to the ICAC van waiting in the driveway for forensic evaluation. Investigator Crano also assisted in the search. Additional tablets and cameras were found, along with a few older cellphones. All of these items were photographed and taken to the ICAC van. Once a complete search of the home was conducted, there were only 9 electronic devices that could have contained any child pornographic images/videos.

After the search, I asked Joanna if she wished to speak to me and she stated "yes". She asked if she could get dressed first and we both proceeded upstairs for her to get herself together. Once dressed, we exited the residence and entered the ICAC van which has an area used for interviewing. I read Joanna her Miranda Rights and asked her if she understood her rights which she replied "yes". She signed and dated the form. (included in case file) At this time I then began my interview with Joanna. We started with the basic questions of her name, address and date of birth. Joanna stated she has been married to Thomas for about 26 years. She has 2 children from a previous marriage, Shannon Graham who lives in Richfield and Sean Graham who lives in Lyndhurst. She stated that Thomas has 2 children also from a previous marriage, Michelle Zurich who lives in Brecksville and Jennifer Salvatore who lives in Canton. Joanna states that they have a grandchild, 13 y/o that comes to visit them. I asked her about her husband Thomas, who she stated was a veteran and in the US Navy. She stated that in about 2007 their relationship was rocky due to financial stress but she thinks it is pretty good now. I asked about her sleeping arrangements and she stated that they sleep in the same bedroom. With regards to work, she states that she is furloughed from her job of 26 years due to COVID-19 and that her husband is retired. She said he is a carpenter and helps people out. I asked Joanna if she had any medical issues and she stated high blood pressure and cholesterol and I asked about Thomas. She said he had a stent for his heart put in about 9 years ago, high blood pressure and cholesterol also. I inquired if she thought her husband had dementia or anything like that and she stated he did not. I asked her if she used the HP laptop computer on



the dining room table and she said that was Thomas's. She said he uses that or his phone when he goes on the internet. Joanna stated if she needed to look anything up she would use her phone but did not use the internet often.

After getting basic information out of the way, I informed Joanna that the reason for the search warrant was that there were about 8 videos of child pornography that came back to this IP address and the emails that were used came back to her husband and his phone number. Joanna was in complete shock and did not appear to know anything illegal with the child pornography was on the computers. I advised her this was not random and that the evidence is what led us to her home. Joanna understood. After the interview Joanna was taken back into her home and I was advised that Thomas was enroute back to the residence. A Sagamore Hills PD officer stood by with her while we waited for Thomas. A copy of the interview will be burned and kept with this case file once received.

While waiting for Thomas to arrive, Chief Hayes positioned his car in the front part of the development to alert the officers of his arrival. After about 1/2 hour, Chief Hayes stated that Thomas was arriving. We were aware that he was driving a red 2003 Dodge pickup (Oh Reg # 03HEMI). After Chief Hayes stated he was arriving, he stated Thomas turned off into the pool area and was driving back towards the tennis courts. Chief Hayes then stated the suspect was exiting his vehicle and heading toward the woods. It was at this time that several police units headed over to the area where Chief Hayes was positioned. While waiting for the units, Chief Hayes stated he observed the male walk around the back of his truck and toward the woodline by the tennis courts. He stated he walked up and down the woodline and then saw Thomas bend over. He then observed the suspect get back into his vehicle and begin to exit the parking lot. It was at this time our officers made a stop on the truck and order the male from his vehicle. The male was later identified as Thomas Zelinko. Thomas was detained and taken via police cruiser to his residence of 719 Village Club Road. Chief Hayes and another SHPD parked the truck in a parking spot, since the vehicle was blocking the driveway, and secured the vehicle. Chief Hayes and Investigator Crano stayed in the area of the woodline to look for anything Thomas could have discarded.

Once back at the residence, myself and Sgt. Rice took Thomas into the rear interview area of the ICAC van. Thomas was read his Miranda Rights and agreed to speak to Sgt. Rice and myself. Again, we began with basic questions. Thomas was asked and provided the basic answers about his name, address and date of birth. He provided his current phone numbers of 330-908-0787 and 216-978-7285. He stated that he has 7 grandkids and they range in age from 11 though 18. He stated that he is a contractor and he used to own Zelinko Construction, but it went under back in 2007. In the course of the interview Thomas stated he has a grandchild named Erin that stays with them sometimes. He stated that he was in the US Navy from 1966-1970. He was asked about any email addresses that he may have and provided tzelinko1@hotmail.com and tomz@torconconstruction.?? When asked about any other email addresses he provided naughtywithmel@yahoo.com and guywhoswallows@yahoo.com. He also stated he thinks he has naughtywithmel@gmail.com. Thomas continued to tell us he used this email as recent as a week ago. He said he uses it to chat with other men. He stated there is a man named Ray from Lagrange that he speaks to. Thomas also stated he uses Craigs list when he would put on there "guy vs guy" and would meet people that way.

After talking further we then inquired about child pornography and the reason for the search warrant. Thomas stated that he does not like children and that he is not into that. When asked about the videos that were found



on his computer he stated that those videos were from 2009 or 2010 and were deleted. He continued to say that he was talking to a girl named Jessica who lived in Ashtabula and she would send him pics/videos. He stated that Jessica mentioned to him that she had a younger sister and some videos and she then sent those videos to Thomas. Thomas described the videos as of a younger girl about 5 or 6 years old. In the video he says the girl had writing on her saying "Fuck Me", had short hair and was blonde. Thomas stated he transferred the files from his gmail account to the yahoo email, but says they were deleted. I asked him if he had any further information for this Jessica and he thinks her email was iamexcited@yahoo.com. Thomas says he goes out of town and just recently was in Washington State for about 3 months back in September of 2019. I asked him if he went to meet anyone there and he said it was for work. He said it was not unusual for him to go for that long of time. We informed Thomas again that possessing the child pronography on his computer was illegal and that his computer would be taken for further forensic evaluation. It was at this time that the interview was concluded and a copy will be burned and placed into the file once received.

Sgt. Rice asked Thomas about his cellphone and if we could look at it and Thomas stated that he did not have it. We both found that odd as he had it when he called earlier inquiring why the police were at his house. Thomas stated that he must have dropped it because he was so upset at the job site he was coming from. Sgt. Rice asked him for consent to search his vehicle and Thomas verbally agreed. Since his vehicle was located over by the pool house, myself and Sgt. Rice walked with Thomas to the vehicle's location. While enroute over there, we were notified that Investigator Crano found the cell phone underneath a rock. The cell phone was photographed in its place. When we made Thomas aware that his cell phone was found he stated he "did not want us to see things on it".

Once we arrived back to where the vehicle was parked, Thomas sat down in the grassy area. We asked him for his consent again to search his vehicle and the phone, which he verbally replied "yes" to giving us consent. Sgt. Rice prepared the written consent form, which Thomas signed and is included in this case file. Also included on the consent form were the search of 16 SD Cards that were located in a black backpack in the vehicle. These items were taken to the ICAC van for review. After review of all the SD cards, they were returned to Thomas as they did not contain anything dealing with child pornography.

Once the search of the vehicle was concluded, myself and Sgt. Rice headed back to the residence. While at the home we spoke to Thomas and Joanna further and explained to them that at this time we would not be arresting him. He was provided a copy of the items taken as evidence, which included his Moto G6 phone and the grey HP Laptop computer. The ICAC forensic team did find images/videos of child pornography on the laptop but this item will be taken to ICAC for further forensic evaluation at a later date. All the units cleared the home and the search warrant was concluded.

On July 17, 2020, I went back to Stow Municipal Court and took the return to search warrant along with the inventory list to Judge Hoover. The laptop was taken from SHPD evidence to ICAC and we were advised it would be several months before the forensic evaluation was concluded. The Moto G6 phone was placed back into evidence. At this time, SHPD does not feel Thomas is an immediate threat to society or is manufacturing child pornography and an arrest if warranted, will be at a later date.

Sgt. Rice received a letter from Thomas's attorney advising that SHPD were to cease all communication with their client at this time. There is body camera footage available of this incident from many different officers cameras as well as ICAC interviews. This case will be pending charges upon further evaluation of the

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Title / Subject: CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

evidence.

By: _____
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On this day, I received another ICAC Cybertip #73850246. This shows the information coming back to 719 Village Club Road, Thomas Zelinko. This information will be printed out and added to the previous report. These additional images and videos should be on the computer that was seized from the search warrant.

By: _____
DET. VICTORIA MIAVITZ

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