

State of Minnesota
County of Ramsey

District Court
2nd Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

0620404751
62-CR-18-5478

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ARYEH LEIV COHEN DOB: 01/09/1974

2743 Raleigh Ave.
St.Louis Park, MN 55416

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

The Complainant submits this complaint to the Court and states that there is probable cause to believe Defendant committed the following offense(s):

COUNT I

Charge: Solicit Child or Believe to be a Child Through Electronic Communication to Engage in Sexual Conduct

Minnesota Statute: 609.352.2a(1)

Maximum Sentence: 3 years or \$5,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/24/2018 to 02/01/2018

Control #(ICR#): 20180115

Charge Description: On or between January 24, 2018 and February 1, 2018, in the County of Ramsey, Minnesota, Aryeh Leiv Cohen, being 18 years of age or older, by means of the Internet or a computer, computer program, computer network, electronic communications system, or telecommunications, wire, or radio communications system, with intent to arouse the sexual desire of any person, did wrongfully and unlawfully solicit a child or someone the person reasonably believes is a child, 15 years of age or younger, to engage in sexual conduct.

COUNT II

Charge: Engage in Electronic Communication Relating or Describing Sexual Conduct with Child.

Minnesota Statute: 609.352.2a(2)

Maximum Sentence: 3 years or \$5,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/01/2018

Control #(ICR#): 20180115

Charge Description: On or about February 1, 2018, in the County of Ramsey, Minnesota, Aryeh Leiv Cohen, being 18 years of age or older, by means of the Internet or a computer, computer program, computer network, electronic communications system, or telecommunications, wire, or radio

communications system, with intent to arouse the sexual desire of any person, did wrongfully and unlawfully engage in communications relating to or describing sexual conduct with a child or someone the person reasonably believes is a child, 15 years of age or younger.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Beginning on January 25, 2018 and continuing throughout the week of January 29, 2018, the Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force, with assistance from multiple special agents from Minnesota's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), and the North St. Paul Police Department, conducted an undercover operation to combat the online solicitation and sexual exploitation of children. Throughout the operation, BCA agents and members of the MNHITF posted online advertisements and profiles of young males and females, indicating they were seeking companionship. They also responded to advertisements placed by others on various websites known to seek illicit sexual relationships.

In preparation for this operation, one special agent created an online profile in the social media application Grindr titled "New to this." Grindr is a site used by men who have sex with men to converse and meet with others based on geographic locations. Grindr shows members that are geographically close to one another. The agent used a stock photo of a person wearing protective riding gear and a helmet riding a direct bike. The agent did not list an age on the profile. Several people responded to the Grindr profile, including ARYEH LEIV COHEN (DOB 1/09/74).

On January 24, 2018, a person using the profile name "Sam," later identified as COHEN, responded to the undercover agent's profile, saying "What's up" "Age ?" The agent replied, "I'll be 16 in August, U?" COHEN stated he was 35 and then sent, "A bit young for this?" COHEN requested they exchange photographs and offered to get together with the undercover agent. In the course of the ensuing online conversation, COHEN asked the undercover agent if he had "Been with a guy before ?" and "Want a cock pic?" He also asked the undercover agent, "Would you want to have some fun with me," saying they would "Make out. Like to suck and rim. See where it goes. Hbu" The agent then asked, "What is rim" to which COHEN responded, "Lick you ass if you like that" "I can do it for you. You will like it."

When COHEN again asked, "Want to meet up?" the undercover agent replied, "Yeah but I am too young to drive." COHEN then responded, "Can you host." The agent provided an address in North St. Paul,, RAMSEY COUNTY and also asked, "How old are u again?" COHEN responded, "How old do you want me me [sic] to be" "40. Too old?" The agent replied, "Nope your pic is nice. I'll be 16 in August. I know I told you that before." COHEN responded, "It's a little illegal..." "What would you want to do with me" "Send clear face pix ? Selfie from now ?" The undercover agent and COHEN exchanged additional photographs, both fully clothed. The agent again stated the age of the persona, "I will be 16 in August, super dl here." "Dl" stands for "down low," commonly known to refer to activities conducted secretly. COHEN replied, "Me too. Your secret is safe with me." COHEN asked, "What do you want to do with me?" The agent answered, "I don't remember what u like." The conversation then progressed to COHEN asking the undercover agent if he wanted to "make out," and "Want to suck me?" At that point, COHEN sent a photograph of his erect penis.

COHEN arrived at the undercover apartment building at 1430 hours on February 1, 2018. He was placed under arrest in the parking lot of the location and transported to the North St. Paul Police Department. During his transport, COHEN made an unsolicited remark about his arrest and said, "I sort of deserve it." COHEN was subsequently given a Miranda advisory and opted to waive his rights and speak with an investigator. COHEN admitted having a Grindr account that he used to meet men for sexual activity. He further admitted connecting with an underage male with whom he discussed sexual activity and going to meet the male, though he "didn't think much was gonna happen..." because the young male was sexually inexperienced.

NOTICE: Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 609.49, subd. 1 (a) A person charged with or convicted of a

felony and released from custody, with or without bail or recognizance, who intentionally fails to appear when required after having been notified that a failure to appear for a court appearance is a criminal offense, or after having been released on an order or condition that the release personally appear when required with respect to the charge or conviction, is guilty of a crime for failure to appear and may be sentenced to not more than one-half of the maximum term of imprisonment or fine, or both, provided for the underlying crime for which the person failed to appear, but this maximum sentence shall, in no case, be less than a term of imprisonment of one year and one day or a fine of \$1,500, or both.

SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS

Complainant requests that Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release, be:
(1) arrested or that other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court; or
(2) detained, if already in custody, pending further proceedings; and that said Defendant otherwise be dealt with according to law.

Complainant declares under penalty of perjury that everything stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116; Minn. R. Crim. P. 2.01, subds. 1, 2.

Complainant

Chad Museus
1430 Maryland Avenue E
St. Paul, MN 55106
Badge: 14246

Electronically Signed:
07/31/2018 09:56 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

Prosecuting Attorney

Karen A. Kugler
345 Wabasha Street N
Suite 120
St Paul, MN 55102
(651) 266-3222

Electronically Signed:
07/31/2018 09:39 AM

FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

From the above sworn facts, and any supporting affidavits or supplemental sworn testimony, I, the Issuing Officer, have determined that probable cause exists to support, subject to bail or conditions of release where applicable, Defendant's arrest or other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court, or Defendant's detention, if already in custody, pending further proceedings. Defendant is therefore charged with the above-stated offense(s).

SUMMONS

THEREFORE YOU, THE DEFENDANT, ARE SUMMONED to appear on **September 19, 2018 at 1:20 PM** before the above-named court at 15 W Kellogg Blvd, St Paul, MN 55102 to answer this complaint.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR in response to this SUMMONS, a WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST shall be issued.

WARRANT

To the Sheriff of the above-named county; or other person authorized to execute this warrant: I order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the Defendant be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the court (if in session), and if not, before a Judge or Judicial Officer of such court without unnecessary delay, and in any event not later than 36 hours after the arrest or as soon as such Judge or Judicial Officer is available to be dealt with according to law.

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Execute in Border States

ORDER OF DETENTION

Since the Defendant is already in custody, I order, subject to bail or conditions of release, that the Defendant continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

Bail: \$
Conditions of Release:

This complaint, duly subscribed and sworn to or signed under penalty of perjury, is issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer as of the following date: July 31, 2018.

Judicial Officer Thomas Gilligan
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 07/31/2018 10:24 AM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

**COUNTY OF RAMSEY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Aryeh Leiv Cohen

Defendant

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this
Summons upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: Aryeh Leiv Cohen
DOB: 01/09/1974
Address: 2743 Raleigh Ave.
St.Louis Park, MN 55416

Alias Names/DOB:

SID:

Height:

Weight: 0lbs.

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender:

Race:

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: No

Driver's License #:

Alcohol Concentration:

STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

Cnt Nbr	Statute Type	Offense Date(s)	Statute Nbrs and Descriptions	Offense Level	MOC	GOC	Controlling Agencies	Case Numbers
1	Charge	1/24/2018	609.352.2a(1) Solicit Child or Believe to be a Child Through Electronic Communication to Engage in Sexual Conduct	Felony	Z1C01		MNBCA0000	20180115
2	Charge	2/1/2018	609.352.2a(2) Engage in Electronic Communication Relating or Describing Sexual Conduct with Child.	Felony	Z1C01		MNBCA0000	20180115