

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, : No. 2573 Disciplinary Docket No. 3
Petitioner :
v. : No. 16 DB 2019
: Attorney Registration No. 200837
MICHAEL ROBERT SHAPIRO, :
Respondent : (Philadelphia)

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 21st day of April, 2021, upon consideration of the Verified Statement of Resignation, Michael Robert Shapiro is disbarred on consent from the Bar of this Commonwealth, retroactive to February 19, 2019. See Pa.R.D.E. 215. Respondent shall comply with all of the provisions of Pa.R.D.E. 217 and pay costs to the Disciplinary Board pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 208(g).

A True Copy Patricia Nicola
As Of 04/21/2021


Attest:
Chief Clerk
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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:
: Atty. Registration
: No. 200837
MICHAEL ROBERT SHAPIRO, :
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RESIGNATION
UNDER Pa.R.D.E. 215

Michael Robert Shapiro hereby tenders his unconditional resignation from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in conformity with Rule 215, Pa.R.D.E. ("Enforcement Rules"), and further states as follows:

1. He is an attorney admitted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having been admitted to the bar on January 12, 2006. His attorney registration number is 200837.

2. He is currently on suspended status, having been temporarily suspended from the practice of law by an Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated February 19, 2019. A true and correct copy of the Order is attached as "Exhibit A."

3. He desires to submit his resignation as a member of said bar.

4. His resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered; he is not being subjected to coercion or duress; and he is

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fully aware of the implications of submitting this resignation.

5. He is aware that there is presently pending an investigation into allegations that he has been guilty of misconduct, based upon his conviction of criminal charges as more fully set forth in the Information at CP-09-CR-0001661-2019, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as "Exhibit B."

6. On January 13, 2020, he pled guilty and was convicted in the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, of the criminal offenses set forth in "Exhibit B."

7. He submits the within resignation because the said convictions stand as a per se ground for discipline under Enforcement Rules 214(e) and 203(b)(1), and because he is guilty of the crimes.

8. He submits the within resignation because he knows that if disciplinary charges were predicated upon the convictions, he could not successfully defend against them.

9. He is fully aware that submission of this Resignation Statement is irrevocable and that he can only apply for reinstatement to the practice of law pursuant to the provisions of Enforcement Rule 218(b) and (c).

10. He is aware that pursuant to Enforcement Rule 215(c), the fact that he has tendered this resignation shall become a matter of public record immediately upon delivery of the resignation statement to Disciplinary Counsel or the Board.

11. Upon entry of the order disbarring him on consent, he will promptly comply with the notice, withdrawal, resignation, trust accounting, and cease-and-desist provisions of subdivisions (a), (b), (c) and (d) of Enforcement Rule 217.

12. After entry of the order disbarring him on consent, he will file a verified statement of compliance as required by Enforcement Rule 217(e)(1).

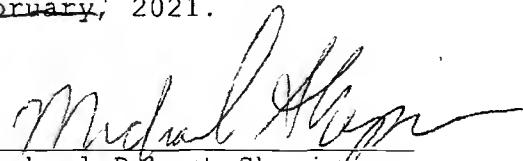
13. He is aware that the waiting period for eligibility to apply for reinstatement to the practice of law under Enforcement Rule 218(b) shall not begin until he files the verified statement of compliance, and if the order of disbarment contains a provision that makes the disbarment retroactive to an earlier date, then the waiting period will be deemed to have begun on that earlier date.

14. He acknowledges that he is fully aware of his right to consult and employ counsel to represent him in the instant proceeding. He has retained, consulted with and acted upon the advice of counsel in connection with his decision to execute the within resignation.

15. He requests that his disbarment be made retroactive to February 19, 2019, the date of the Order of temporary suspension. He has been advised that the Office of Disciplinary Counsel does not oppose his request. He understands that the decision to grant his request lies solely within the discretion of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

It is understood that the statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S., Section 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Signed this 9th day of ~~February~~^{March}, 2021.


Michael Robert Shapiro
Attorney Regis. No. 200837

WITNESS: David Shapiro

Exhibit A

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In the Matter of : No. 2573 Disciplinary Docket No. 3
: :
MICHAEL ROBERT SHAPIRO : Board File No. C1-19-39
: :
: Attorney Registration No. 200837
: :
: (Philadelphia)

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 19th day of February, 2019, upon consideration of the Joint Petition for Temporary Suspension, Michael Robert Shapiro is placed on temporary suspension, see Pa.R.D.E. 214(d)(5), and he shall comply with all the provisions of Pa.R.D.E. 217. Respondent's right to petition for dissolution or amendment of this Order and to request accelerated disposition of charges underlying this Order pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 214(f)(2) are specifically preserved.

A True Copy Patricia Nicola
As Of 02/19/2019

Attest: 
Chief Clerk
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Exhibit B

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

: CP-09-CR-0001661-2019

v.

MICHAEL ROBERT SHAPIRO

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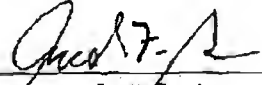
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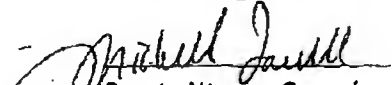
: Norristown, PA 19403

: 610.631.6200

I, Michael Robert Shapiro, Defendant, named in this Information hereby enter a knowing,
intelligent, voluntary, and counseled plea of Guilty as to Count(s) ALL counts
Date: 4/3/20


Defendant Signature


Attorney for Defendant


Deputy Attorney General

County of Bucks, S.S.

As Deputy Clerk of Courts - Criminal Division
in and for the County aforesaid, I do hereby
certify that the within and foregoing is a true
and abstracted copy from the within entitled
case as the same remains on file in said Court.
Witness my hand and the seal of said Court.

Edw. J. ...
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CRIMINAL DIVISION

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA : CP-09-CR-0001661-2019

V.

MICHAEL ROBERT SHAPIRO

INFORMATION

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by and through this information hereby charges that between November, 2018 through January 2, 2019, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, the above named Defendant did commit the following offenses:

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COUNT 1: UNLAWFUL CONTACT WITH A MINOR 18 Pa. C.S. § 6318(a)(1)
First Degree Felony

Second

The Defendant, Michael Robert Shapiro, did intentionally contact 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 one or more of the activities prohibited in Chapter 31 of the Crimes Code, namely, Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse, 18 Pa.C.S. § 3123(a)(7), and either the person initiating the contact or the person being contacted was within the Commonwealth; to wit: Defendant, an adult male over the age of thirty-seven, did contact an undercover agent of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General who was posing as a fourteen year old female child for the purpose of engaging in deviate sexual intercourse with the purported fourteen year old child, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. § 6318(a)(1), as amended.

3125(a)(8)

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COUNT 2: CRIMINAL SOLICITATION 18 Pa. C.S. § 902(a)/3123(a)(7)
IN VOLUNTARY DEVIATE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE Second First Degree Felony

Aggravated Indecent Assault 3125(a)(8)

The Defendant, Michael Robert Shapiro, with the intent of promoting or facilitating the commission of the crime of Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse, 18 Pa.C.S. § 3123(a)(7), did command, encourage or request another person to engage in specific conduct which would constitute such crime or an attempt to commit such crime or which would establish the defendant's complicity in its commission or attempted commission; to wit, the defendant contacted a purported fourteen year old female child for the purpose of engaging in one or more of the activities prohibited in Chapter 31 of the Crimes Code, including deviate sexual intercourse in violation of Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse, 18 Pa.C.S. § 3123(a)(7). In violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. § 902(a)/3123(a)(7), as amended.

3125(a)(8)

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COUNT 3: UNLAWFUL CONTACT WITH A MINOR 18 Pa. C.S. § 6318(a)(1)
Third Degree Felony

The Defendant, Michael Robert Shapiro, did intentionally contact a minor, or a law enforcement officer acting in the performance of his duties who had assumed the identity of a minor, for the purpose of engaging in the activity of any one or more of the activities prohibited in Chapter 31 of the Crimes Code.

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County of Bucks, S.S.

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in and for the County aforesaid, I do hereby
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Howard Clark of Summers - Criminal Division

namely for the purpose of Indecent Assault, 18 Pa.C.S. § 3126(a)(8), and either the person initiating the contact or the person being contacted was within the Commonwealth; to-wit: Defendant, an adult male over the age of thirty seven, did contact an undercover agent of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General who was posing as a fourteen year old female for the purpose of kissing, and/or touching, "grinding" on, "dry humping," touching the defendant's penis, and or the defendant using his tongue on the breasts and mouth of the purported fourteen year old female child, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. § 6318(a)(1), as amended.

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**COUNT 4: UNLAWFUL CONTACT WITH A MINOR 18 Pa. C.S. § 6318(a)(1)
Third Degree Felony**

The Defendant, Michael Robert Shapiro, did intentionally contact a minor, or a law enforcement officer acting in the performance of his duties who had assumed the identity of a minor, for the purpose of engaging in the activity of any one or more of the activities prohibited in Chapter 31 of the Crimes Code, namely for the purpose of Indecent Assault, 18 Pa.C.S. § 3126(a)(8), and either the person initiating the contact or the person being contacted was within the Commonwealth; to-wit: Defendant, an adult male over the age of thirty seven, did contact an undercover agent of the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General who was posing as a fourteen year old female for the purpose of making out and or kissing the purported fourteen year old female child, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. § 6318(a)(1), as amended.

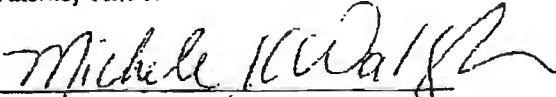
**COUNT 5: CRIMINAL USE OF A COMMUNICATION FACILITY 18 Pa. C.S. § 7512(a)
Third Degree Felony**

The Defendant, Michael Robert Shapiro, did use a communication facility, as defined in this section, to commit, cause or facilitate the commission of, or an attempt thereof, of any crime which constitutes a felony under Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, to-wit: Defendant did use a computer, cellular phone, and/or other electronic device and the Internet to commit any of the felony crimes described in greater detail in the other charges herein, in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Act of December 6, 1972, 18 Pa.C.S. § 7512(a), as amended.

All of which is against the Act of Assembly and the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

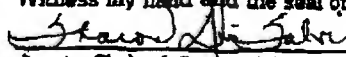
Josh D. Shapiro
Attorney General

By:


Chief Deputy Attorney General Michele K. Walsh
Child Predator Section

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

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

Submitted by: Office of Disciplinary Counsel

Signature:  _____

Name: Jeffrey M. Krulik, Disciplinary Counsel

Attorney No. (if applicable): 57110