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Fayette County
Court of Common Pleas
Number: 914 OF 2023 GD
Notice of Action in Mortgage Foreclosure

Finance of America Reverse LLC, Plaintiff v. John Owen Mcgill, Known Surviving Heir of John Mcgill, Bobbie Lynn Sirianni, Known Surviving Heir of John Mcgill, Misty Ansell, Known Surviving Heir of John Mcgill, and Unknown Surviving Heir of John Mcgill, Defendants

TO: Unknown Surviving Heir of John Mcgill. Premises subject to foreclosure: 504 E. Washington Avenue, Connellsville,

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION NO. 619 OF 2023, G.D.

ALYCIA JONES, Plaintiff. vs. JUSTIN C. KING, Defendant.

TO JUSTIN C. KING: A Divorce Complaint has been filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, at No. 619 of 2023, G.D. on behalf of Alycia Jones. The Defendant, Justin C. King, whose last known address is 450 Al Henderson Blvd. # 3903, Savannah, GA 31419, will be affected as a result of this filing. This notice shall act as service of the Divorce Complaint on the Defendant, Justin C. King.

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
Fayette COUNTY
CIVIL ACTION - LAW
ACTION OF MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE
Term No. 2022-01651
NOTICE OF ACTION IN MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE

Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken

Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. Plaintiff vs. MICHAEL KING Mortgagor and Real Owner Defendant

TO MICHAEL KING, MORTAGOR AND REAL OWNER, DEFENDANT whose last known address is 1736 Georges Fairchance Road Smithfield, PA 15478.

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JUDICIAL OPINION

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

v.

MEGAN MARIE REED.

Defendant.

: No. 2227 of 2022

: Honorable Linda R. Cordaro

OPINION

Linda R. Cordaro, J.

June 5, 2023

Before this Court is Defendant's Omnibus Pretrial Motion for writ of habeas corpus on the basis of corpus delicti. A hearing on the motion was held on April 28, 2023.1 For the following reasons, Defendant's motion is granted.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The following facts were established via testimony at the hearing on the motion.

Trooper Nicole Sigwalt was involved with the investigation that gave rise to the charges against the Defendant. Trooper Sigwalt worked with the criminal investigations unit and had investigated approximately 600 cases, including sex crimes. In 2019, a search warrant was obtained for the Facebook account of William Bosley (hereinafter "Bosley Account"), which resulted in approximately 20,000 pages of information including posts, comments, and photographs. Among this information, Trooper Sigwalt saw communications between the Bosley Account and another account bearing the name "Megan Marie Reed" (hereinafter "Reed Account"). These communications included "selfie" photographs of the Defendant that were sent from the Reed Account to the Bosley Account.

Trooper Sigwalt also saw ten (10) photographs of an individual the trooper identified as a seventeen-year-old girl. In two of the photographs, the girl was posing nude, and in the others, she was performing sexual acts. These photographs were sent from the Bosley Account to the Reed Account on August 31, 2017. The trooper also saw comments on the photographs made from the Reed Account. She characterized these as being of a sexual nature, although there was no testimony as to what led her to that conclusion. There were no exhibits admitted into evidence.

^{1} In addition to the habeas and corpus delicti issues, defense counsel attempted to raise the issue of suppression at the hearing, but since this was not set forth in the original motion or an amended motion, this Court declined to consider it.

Based on information gleaned from the Bosley Account, a search warrant was obtained for the Defendant's Facebook account. The trooper testified that the profile picture on the Defendant's Facebook account was the same as that associated with the Reed Account. However, after a search of her account, no videos, photographs, or conversations with the Bosley Account were found in the Defendant's account.

The Defendant was interviewed at the police barracks, and she signed a written Miranda waiver. During the interview, Trooper Sigwalt asked the Defendant about the messages from the Bosley Account, and read excerpts from the messages to her. The Defendant asked if she was in trouble and said that she remembered getting videos but did not recall getting any photographs. She also stated that she possibly deleted them.

DISCUSSION

A petition for a writ of habeas is "the proper means for testing a pre-trial finding that the Commonwealth has sufficient evidence to establish a prima facie case" against a defendant. Commonwealth v. Scott, 578 A.2d 933, 936 (Pa. Super. Ct. 1990). A pre-trial petition for writ of habeas corpus is similar in its purpose to a preliminary hearing in that it seeks to prevent unlawful detention for a crime which was never committed, or for a crime for which there is no evidence of the accused's connection. Id. at 937. Accordingly, to establish its prima facie case, the Commonwealth must present evidence as to each material element of the crimes charged and establish sufficient probable cause that the accused is the person who committed the offenses. Commonwealth v. McBride, 595 A.2d 589, 591 (Pa. 1991).

The corpus delicti rule is that a criminal conviction cannot be based upon an accused's out-of-court confession unless corroborated by independent evidence. Commonwealth v. Zugay, 745 A.2d 639, 652 (Pa. Super. Ct. 2000) (quoting Commonwealth v. Ware, 329 A.2d 258, 274 (Pa. 1974)). In short, the Commonwealth cannot rely solely on the statement of the accused but must otherwise establish the existence of a crime. This may be done by circumstantial evidence. Id. at 653.

Here, the Defendant challenges that the Commonwealth is attempting to use the Defendant's own statements as the only evidence of crime, and so the motion for habeas should be granted.

The Defendant is charged with one count Dissemination of Photographs, Videotapes, Computer Depictions and Films {2} and two counts of Child Pornography. {3} As to the dissemination charge, no evidence was presented to show that the Defendant either knowingly disseminated prohibited material or possessed material for the purpose of dissemination. The Commonwealth has failed to present any evidence at all for a prima facie case, and so the motion is granted with respect to Count 1 of the Information without a need to consider any corpus delicti issue.

^{{2} 18} Pa.C.S.A. § 6312(c) -- "Any person who knowingly sells, distributes, delivers, disseminates, transfers, displays or exhibits to others, or who possesses for the purpose of sale, distribution, delivery, dissemination, transfer, display or exhibition to others, any book, magazine, pamphlet, slide, photograph, film, videotape, computer depiction or other material depicting a child under the age of 18 years engaging in a prohibited sexual act or in the simulation of such act commits an offense."

As to Counts 2 and 3, the Defendant is charged under a single statute for both, with the distinction that at Count 2, she is charged with receiving prohibited material and at Count 3, she is charged with possessing prohibited material.

Similar to Count 1, it is not necessary to consider a corpus delicti issue here, as the Commonwealth has presented no evidence as to the Defendant's intention or knowledge. The affidavit of probable cause filed on August 31, 2022 includes detail as to the content of Facebook messages suggesting that the user of the Reed Account was aware that the photographs were of an underage girl. However, no such detail was produced in testimony or exhibits at the April 28, 2023 hearing.

Furthermore, based on testimony, it is not possible to infer that the Defendant's statements to Trooper Sigwalt constitute an admission that she intentionally viewed or knowingly possessed sexual photographs depicting a minor. Again, the affidavit of probable cause includes detail suggesting that, if properly authenticated, {4} messages from the Reed Account might indicate the Defendant was aware that the photographs were of a minor and thereby establish a prima facie case. However, no such evidence was presented to this Court. The Commonwealth has failed to establish a prima facie case, and the motion is granted with respect to Counts 2 and 3 of the Information without consideration for a corpus delicti issue.

BY THE COURT: Linda R. Cordaro, Judge

ATTEST: Clerk of Courts

Dated: June 5, 2023

^{{3} 18} Pa.C.S.A § 6312(d) -- "Any person who intentionally views or knowingly possesses or controls any book, magazine, pamphlet, slide, photograph, film, videotape, computer depiction or other material depicting a child under the age of 18 years engaging in a prohibited sexual act or in the simulation of such act commits and offense."

^{4} The question of whether the Facebook message were sufficiently authenticated as having been authored by the Defendant is not addressed here. See Pa.R.E. 901.

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