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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

STATE OF ALASKA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

VANCE I PERONTO
DOB: 09/03/1960
APSIN ID: 6545971
DMV NO.: 6545971 AK
ATN: 116738316

Defendant.

Case No. 3AN-18-03858CR

INFORMATION

I certify this document and its attachments do not contain the (1) name of a victim of a sexual offense listed in AS 12.61.140 or (2) residence or business address or telephone number of a victim of or witness to any offense unless it is an address identifying the place of a crime or an address or telephone number in a transcript of a court proceeding and disclosure of the information was ordered by the court. The following counts charge a crime involving DOMESTIC VIOLENCE as defined in AS 18.66.990: None

Count I - AS AS11.31.100/11.41.436(a)(6)
Attempted Sexual Abuse Of A Minor In The Second Degree
Vance I Peronto - 001

THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROSECUTIONS CHARGES:

Count I

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about April 29, 2018, at or near Anchorage, VANCE I PERONTO, a 57 year old man, with the intent to commit the crime of a sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, took a substantial step towards engaging in sexual penetration with R.P., a person who is 16 or 17 years of age and at least four years younger than the offender, and the offender occupies a position of authority in relation to the victim.

1 All of which is a Felony class C offense being contrary to and in violation of
2 11.41.436(a)(6) and AS11.31.100 and against the peace and dignity of the State of
3 Alaska.

4 The undersigned swears under oath this Information is based upon a review of
5 police report AK18027772 submitted to date.

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7 On April 8, 2018, shortly after 11 p.m. in Kenai, Alaska, Alaska State Trooper
8 Vance Peronto initiated a traffic stop on a SUV that was being driven without its
9 headlights on. The vehicle was being driven by a 16 year-old female, R.P. The traffic
10 stop lasted less than 10 minutes, and R.P was released with a verbal warning.

11 The next morning, shortly after 8 a.m., R.P. received a Facebook message from
12 Trooper Peronto on her personal Facebook account; Peronto had requested that he be
13 added as a friend to R.P.'s account and she accepted that request. Trooper Peronto began
14 instant messaging R.P., and the tone of the messages quickly became flirtatious in nature.
15 Trooper Peronto asked R.P. how old she was, and she replied that she was 16 years old.
16 Trooper Peronto replied "WOOOW Gulp," and informed R.P. that he was 57 years old.
17 Trooper Peronto gave R.P. his cell phone number and stated and told her if she ever
18 needed a "hand, boot, a back or your personal Trooper, Use Me, All Yours at Your
19 Service."

20 Over the course of the next several days, Trooper Peronto and R.P. had several
21 instant message exchanges that escalated to very explicit sexual comments. At one point,
22 Trooper asked R.P. to send him "training" videos and "pics, pics, pics." R.P. sent the
23 trooper several videos and photographs, including ones where R.P. appears to either
24 completely nude or wearing only a pair of women's "panties." There are repeated
25 discussions of women's panties, and Trooper Peronto tells R.P she could be a Victoria
26 Secret Model and asks her what type of panties she would like from Victoria Secret.
27 During the course of these instant message exchanges, Trooper Peronto also provided the

1 address to his personal residence and told R.P. that she could come over to his house.
2 Trooper Peronto made several explicit references to sex acts he and R.P. could perform
3 on each other, including multiple references to him performing cunnilingus on R.P. One
4 such message stated, “When the time does come I think I’m going to make you cum for
5 me about 4 or 5 times in a row non-stop just with my tongue.”

6 After a few days of exchanges like the ones described above, Trooper Peronto sent
7 a message to R.P. on April 12th purportedly to end the sexual-based interaction between
8 the two of them. In that message, Trooper Peronto states the following:

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10 DON’T DO THIS VANCE!!!! STOP NOW. THIS
11 GIRL/young lady is 16 Vance. You’re wrong Vance if you
12 even begin to think you’ll avoid, fight off, stop, not make
13 love with her. IT’LL HAPPEN and then your life as you
14 know it will be over. Everything you have gone. Dignity
15 Integrity all of whom I am as a man who Loves God more
16 than anything will be erased. I’m sorry [R.P.] I’ve got to put
17 a stop to this. There’s nothing in us that’s worth. You’re not
18 worth my career or 10-20 yrs in jail. Hell no. It’s not your
19 secret. And if it was I wouldn’t trust you as far as I could
20 throw you hon.

21 R.P. replied by stating that she was disappointed and to take it easy on her if he pulled her
22 over again. Then, Trooper Peronto told R.P. that he would like to meet her for a movie.
23 Trooper Peronto described this possible encounter as a “Friends Date Night. Where your
24 Trooper friend pampers his Classy Beautiful LADY friend.”

25 Over the next several days, the exchanges discuss the options for the “movie
26 night.” Trooper Peronto and R.P. agreed that the “movie night” would take place at his
27 residence, and they would watch the movie in his bedroom. At times, Trooper Peronto
appears to set boundaries, indicating that everything would need to stay inside his boxers,
and R.P. agreed. Trooper Peronto informed R.P. that he ordered three pair of Victoria
Secret panties for their movie night. R.P. subsequently sent some additional videos of

1 herself that were sexual in nature to Trooper Peronto. After several more days of
2 messaging, Trooper Peronto expressed frustration with R.P. because he felt that she was
3 only “teasing” him, but then he again provided her with his home address and phone
4 number.

5 R.P.’s father learned of the exchanges and reported them to the Alaska State
6 Troopers and an investigation was initiated. During the investigation, troopers were
7 provided copies of the exchanges referenced above and they interviewed R.P. to confirm
8 the exchanges and other surrounding facts.

9 Trooper Peronto was subsequently in the Anchorage area for a training event.
10 Trooper Peronto exchanged messages with R.P. and informed her that he was going to
11 Victoria Secret to purchase panties for her. R.P. told Trooper Peronto that she was in the
12 Anchorage area as well. She stated that she was with her father, and she had her own
13 hotel room. R.P. messaged Trooper Peronto that R.P.’s father was going out with friends
14 and that R.P. would be alone at the hotel in her own room. Trooper Peronto agreed to
15 meet R.P. at the hotel and asked where the hotel was located and what room she was in.
16 Trooper Peronto arrived a short time later in his patrol vehicle, went to the room he
17 believed R.P. to be in and knocked on the door. He was then taken into custody. He had
18 one pair of Victoria Secret panties in his possession.

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None.

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this ____ day of April, 2018.

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