



October 16, 2019

Dear Ruth Parker Eason Families:

On the reverse side of this letter is a news release issued by county police this afternoon detailing the arrest of one of our teaching assistants, Stephen Maceiko. As you will read, the charges against Mr. Maceiko involve children and are very serious.

As the police release indicates, there is no evidence at this time that any of our students are depicted in the images involved in this case.

I want you to know clearly that our school system acted immediately upon receiving the first allegation last May and removed Mr. Maceiko from our school. Since that time, he has been working in a position in which he has no contact with children.

I met with our staff earlier today to talk with them about these charges. As a group of people who care so passionately for every one of our students, we are collectively very troubled by this case.

My promise to you is simple: As a team, our staff will rally and persevere. We will continue to put your children first and continue to care for them to the best of our ability, just as we do every single day.

I ask you to continue to help us in that mission. Please continue to communicate with our team about your children. Together, we will continue to do great things for them. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Amy M. Guerke  
Principal

AMG/bm



## **Anne Arundel County Police Department**

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### **Media Advisory**

October 16, 2019

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### **Criminal Investigation Division Major Crimes Section**

#### **Child Pornography Distribution/Possession**

**Hanover**

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Anne Arundel County Child Abuse Unit initiated an investigation in reference to a report of a specific account that was directly associated in uploading child pornographic images to a particular internet site. The information was provided by the "National Center for Missing and Exploited Children" (NCMEC) which is a non-profit organization whose mission is to find missing children, reduce child sexual exploitation and prevent child victimization.

As the result of issuing and executing several court orders, detectives identified an address involved with uploading child pornography. On May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 detectives executed a search warrant at an address in the 7000 block of Harmans Road in Hanover Maryland. The suspect, identified as Stephen Michael Maceiko, a forty eight year old male of the same address was on scene and interviewed.

While interviewing the suspect, it was learned that his place of employment is the Ruth Parker Eason School located in the 600 block of Old Mill Rd, Millersville, Maryland. An official with the Board of Education was notified of the ongoing investigation and the suspect was removed from the school in order that he would not have any interaction with children while the investigation remained open. At this time, detectives have no knowledge of any Ruth Parker Eason student being depicted in images recovered from the suspect.

Several electronic items that belonged to the suspect were seized and examined by the Anne Arundel County Digital Forensics Lab. The forensic download of the suspect's electronic devices provided detectives with corroborating evidence as numerous videos and images depicting child pornography were discovered.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Child Abuse detectives obtained an arrest warrant for Stephen Maceiko for (5) counts of promotion/distribution of child pornography and (13) counts of possession of child pornography. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Stephen Maceiko was arrested without incident and is currently incarcerated at the Anne Arundel County Detention Center on a no bond status.

The Anne Arundel County Police Department is urging anyone with information on this investigation or the suspect to contact the Anne Arundel County Child Abuse Unit at 410-222-4733. Callers can also remain anonymous by contacting the Anne Arundel County Tip Line 410-222-4700 or Metro Crime Stoppers.

**Arrested:**

Stephen Michael Maceiko  
DOB: 12/22/1970  
7700 block of Dorsey Road  
Hanover, Maryland



**Charges:**

- Possess Child Pornography(13 cts)
- Child Porn Promote/Distrb (5 cts)

If you have information about any criminal activity or threat to public safety, please call the Anne Arundel County Police TipLine at 410-222-4700. If it is a time sensitive issue call 410-222-8610. Report suspicious activity online using this form.



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