POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Docket Number:	Date Filed: 11/11/2016	OTN/LiveScan Number	Complaint/Incident Number 2016-3943
Defendant Name	First: SARA	Middle:	Last: PACKER

The acts committed by the accused are described below with each Act of Assembly or statute allegedly violated, if appropriate. When there is more than one offense, each offense should be numbered chronologically.
(Set forth a *brief* summary of the facts sufficient to advise the defendant of the nature of the offense(s) charged. A citation to the statute(s) allegedly violated, without more, is not sufficient. In a summary case, you must cite the specific section(s) and subsection(s) of the statute(s) or ordinance(s) allegedly violated. The age of the victim at the time of the offense may be included if known. In addition, social security numbers and financial information (e.g. PINs) should not be listed. If the identity of an account must be established, list only the last four digits. 204 PA.Code §§ 213.1 – 213.7.)

Inchoate Offense	☐ Attempt 18 901 A	☐ Solicitation 18 902 A	☐ Conspiracy 18 903

Lead?	Offense#	Section	Subsection		PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code
☒	1	4304	(A)(1)	of the	18 PA C.S.A	1	F-3		

PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number		☐ Interstate	☐ Safety Zone	☐ Work Zone

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): 18 PA C.S.A. 4304 Endangering welfare of children

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense: Under Pennsylvania law, a person is guilty of Endangering welfare of children if a parent, guardian or other person supervising the welfare of a child under 18 years of age, or a person that employs or supervises such a person, commits an offense is she knowingly endangers the welfare of a child by violating a duty of care, protection or support.

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Affidavit of Probable Cause

Arrest of Sara Packer

On Monday, July 11, 2016 at 6:45 PM, Sara Packer, age 41, arrived at the Abington Township Police Department and filed a report regarding her missing adopted daughter, Grace Packer, age 14. Sara Packer reported to Abington Township Police Officer Andrew Saurman, that Grace Packer was last seen at their residence at 819 Tennis Avenue in the Ardsley section of Abington Township on Friday, July 8, 2016 at 9:30 PM. Sara Packer said at that time she sent Grace to her room following an argument over Grace's request to go to a friend's house. Sara Packer could not provide an address or name of the friend.

Sara Packer said she discovered Grace missing from her bedroom on Saturday, July 9, 2016 at 10:00 AM when she went to check on Grace. Sara Packer reported that Grace took $300.00 in cash from the residence. Sara Packer said she was unsure where Grace would have gone, and that Grace has left the residence in the past for "days at a time". Sara Packer stated that Grace has behavioral disorders and does not react well when she does not get her way. Grace Packer was entered into NCIC as a missing person.

On July 12, 2016, Abington Township Police Detective Cindy Pettinato contacted Sara Packer to determine which diagnosed behavior disorders impacted Grace Packer. Packer told Detective Pettinato that Grace has never been officially diagnosed with anything but being overly stubborn. Detective Pettinato asked Sara Packer to provide recent photographs of Grace. Packer stated that she would drop them off at the police department.

Between Monday August 8, 2016 and September 7, 2016, Detective Pettinato made numerous attempts to contact Sara Packer regarding the missing person investigation concerning Grace Packer. After receiving no response, on September 7, 2016, Detective Pettinato responded to 819 Tennis Avenue and found the residence was vacant. On September 7, 2016, Pettinato again left a message for Packer to call her regarding her new address.

On September 7, 2016 Detective Pettinato contacted Abington Police School Resource Officer Andrew Gibbs who confirmed that Grace and her younger brother had been withdrawn from the Abington School District August 2, 2016. There was no forwarding address for Packer. Sara Packer had

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provided the school district with cellular phone number 267-276-8470. This is the same cellular number which Detective Pettinato used to previously contact Sara Packer. Detective Pettinato contacted the Quakertown School District which encompasses 990 East Cherry Road in Quakertown PA. During this contact, Detective Pettinato learned that on August 24, 2016, Sara Packer enrolled her adopted son, Joshua Packer, age 12 into the Quakertown School District. At that time no records were found that Grace Packer was enrolled, or was to be enrolled in the Fall 2016 school semester.

Later on September 7, 2016, Detective Pettinato received a phone message from Sara Packer. During the message, Packer apologized for not notifying her of the move and said that she has notified every one of her relatives that Grace is missing.

On September 8, 2016, Detective Pettinato received a letter from Sara Packer that included two (2) photographs of Grace. The note was dated September 1, 2016 and post marked September 7, 2016. (The day Detective Pettinato contacted Packer about moving). The note read "I found two more pictures of Grace. I am unable to email at the moment. I have not heard from Grace. The extended family has not either. Sara Packer 267-276-8470" There was a return address listed for Packer on the envelope was 990 E. Cherry Road Quakertown, PA 18951.

On October 11, 2016, Detective Pettinato and Detective Steven Henze went to Sara Packer's residence, 990 E. Cherry Road in Quakertown PA. Detective Pettinato told Sara Packer that she was going to enter Grace into NAMUS data base in case she was found deceased and without identification. Sara Packer responded "Oh, okay, I was going to call you tomorrow to see if you heard anything." Detective Pettinato requested Packer to provide her with additional information that included list of Grace's doctors and the names of those individuals who Sara Packer contacted and told Grace was missing. Sara Packer showed Detective Pettinato a bedroom which she identified as containing Grace's bed. The room contained an unmade bed and clothing on the floor. Detective Pettinato inquired about Grace's clothing and personal items. Sara Packer replied that she shared clothing with Grace and that her items may be packed away. Sara Packer claimed that Grace apparently had taken her backpack and a journal when she went missing. During the visit, Detective Pettinato observed Jacob Sullivan, Katherine Allbright and Sara Packer's adopted son, Joshua Packer, age 12 inside the home. Detective Pettinato asked Sara Packer if Joshua knew about Grace missing. Sara replied

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that she only told him that Grace was away, as she did not want to upset Joshua. Detectives also observed a cat inside the residence.

During the month of October 2016, Detective Pettinato contacted several relatives of Sara and Grace Packer. These relatives, to include Sara Packers father, Franklin Pialaet and brother, Jason Pialaet. Franklin Pialaet told Detective Pettinato that he last saw Grace Packer alive on the July 4, 2016 weekend at a family picnic in Laurys Station PA. Both Franklin Pialaet and Jason Pialaet told Detective Pettinato that Sara Packer only told them in recent weeks that Grace Packer was missing., This information conflicts with Packer's September 7, 2016, phone message and September 8, 2016, letter in which Sara Packer claimed to have contacted her family members regarding Grace.

On Thursday, October 27, 2016, Pennsylvania State Trooper David R. Lock utilized a Human Remains Detection Canine, to search the property at 819 Tennis Avenue, in Abington Township. The search included a search of the interior and exterior area of the home. Following the search, Canine Cratos did not indicate the presence of any human remains.

On Friday, October 28, 2016, Montgomery County Detective Edward Schikel, a member of the Forensic Services Unit conducted a crime scene examination at 819 Tennis Avenue, Abington Township. Following this examination, Detective Schikel, through visual inspection and the use of a chemical process did not locate any blood evidence in the areas examined.

On November 1, 2016, Special Agent Teresa Bray of the United States Social Security Administration, provided information on monthly payments made to Sarah Packer relating to her custody of Grace Packer. Records indicate that Sarah Packer receives $712.00 monthly for care of Grace Packer. On August 22, 2016, Sarah Packer completed a Continuing Disability Review Report relating to Grace Packer. At that time Sarah never disclosed that Grace was missing. Records reflect between July 1, 2016 to November 10, 2016, Sarah Packer has spent $3616.03 of the disability funding intended for Grace Packer.

On November 3, 2016, Detective Pettinato interviewed a minor KB and her mother BB. Their names are known to law enforcement but are being withheld to protect their identity. This interview occurred as Sara Packer told Detective Pettinato that the argument she had with Grace on July 8, 2016 was over going to KB's home. Both KB and BB told Detective Pettinato that Grace was never at their home and that there were never plans for Grace Packer to go to their home.

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On November 3, 2016, Detective Pettinato recovered a typed letter which was found among Grace Packer's Abington School records and noted as being recovered in March 2016. The letter was typed and addressed to her family and discussed her being "sorry" for a burden and leaving the family. The letter included a typed closing "Sincerely, Grace" with no written signature. Investigators have reviewed this letter and determined the language and content to be inconsistent with being written by a 14 year old with the academic and social skill level of Grace Packer.

On Wednesday, November 9, 2016, Montgomery County Detective William Mitchell examined the cellular phone records of Sara Packer and Jacob Sullivan. Detective Mitchell is an expert in the field of Historical Call Detail Records Analysis, pertaining to the analysis of call detail records and cell site/tower mapping.

Detective Mitchell examined records from MetroPCS in relation to cellular phone number 267-276-[redacted] The account is registered to Jacob Sullivan and the subscriber is Sarah Sullivan. This is the cellular phone which Detective Pettinato has used to contact Sarah Packer. The records received ranged from April 1, 2016 through October 28, 2016 and consisted of over 1,200 incoming or outgoing voice calls or text messages. The following information is pertinent information regarding the records:

On July 8, 2016 at 8:11 AM cellular phone 267-276-[redacted] received an incoming call from 267-596-[redacted] The call was processed through tower 43471 which is located approximately 1.2 miles from 819 Tennis Ave Glenside, PA 19038. The cell phone then begins to move in a northern direction and makes an outgoing call at 8:50 AM. That call utilizes a tower 42832 which is located near the intersection of Rte. 152 and Rte. 63 Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County, PA. The cellular phone continues to travel in a northern direction and at 11:47 AM receives an incoming call which utilizes tower 49503. This tower is located approximately 1.9 miles from 990 E Cherry Rd Quakertown, PA 18951. The next activity is at 5:12 PM when the cell phone makes an outgoing call to 267-596-[redacted] lasting 44 seconds. The call is serviced by tower 48962 which is located approximately 2.6 miles from 990 Cherry Lane Quakertown, PA. At 5:17 PM the cell phone receives an incoming call from 267-576[redacted] which lasts 53 seconds. The call is serviced by tower 50952 which is located approximately 5.6 miles from 990 E Cherry Rd Quakertown, PA. There is no further cellular activity for this phone on July 8, 2016. On September 24, 2016 at 3:15 PM cellular phone 267-276-[redacted]

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received an incoming phone call from 267-388-[redacted] which was directed to voicemail.

Detective Mitchell reviewed records for MetroPCS in reference to cellular phone number 267-596-[redacted]. The account is subscribed to Jacob Sullivan [redacted] Jenkintown, PA 19046. The records ranged from April 1, 2016 through October 28, 2016 and consisted of approximately 1,800 voice calls or text messages made or received by the cellular phone. The following is pertinent information relating to the cellular phone:

On July 8, 2016 at 8:11 AM cellular phone number 267-596-[redacted] makes an outgoing phone call to 267-276-[redacted] lasting 24 seconds. The call is serviced by tower 43664 which is located approximately 1700 feet from 819 Tennis Ave Glenside, PA 19038. The phone receives an incoming text message from 856-718-[redacted] which is serviced by tower 17965. This tower is located approximately 11 miles north of 819 Tennis Ave and 14 miles south of 990 E Cherry Rd Quakertown, PA. There is a break in activity until 4:50 PM. Beginning at 4:50 PM the following activity occurs using tower 43664 which is located near Tennis Ave:

July 8, 2016 at 4:50 PM incoming call from 844-505-[redacted] lasting 10 seconds which is forwarded to voicemail.

July 8, 2016 at 4:48 PM incoming call from 610-451-[redacted] lasting 198 seconds.

July 8, 2015 at 5:12 PM incoming call from 267-276-[redacted] lasting 44 seconds.

July 8, 2016 at 5:17 PM outgoing call to 267-276-[redacted] lasting 53 seconds. All activity then stops for the cellular phone.

Based upon the following case facts, we conclude that Sara Packer was residing in both Abington Township, Montgomery County and Richland Township, Bucks County PA during the time that Grace Packer is reported missing by Sara Packer. Grace is last seen alive on July 4, 2016, and her disappearance was concealed by Sara Packer from family members. Sara Packer has reluctantly provided information to law enforcement to assist in the investigation. Additionally, Sara Packer has continued to receive payment for Social Security Benefits intended for Grace Packer totaling $3616.03 since her disappearance. Sara Packer is also the self- reporting, last person to see Grace alive.

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Your Affiants conclude that Sara Packer has violated a duty of care, protection and support of Grace Packer by failing to participate in this missing person investigation of Grace Packer. Sara Packer has also provided conflicting information about Grace to both detectives and family members.

Det. Ashley Pellerito #2750

AFFIANT

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11/11/16

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

RECOMMITMENT

Mag. Dist. No:	MDJ-38-1-05
MDJ Name:	Honorable Juanita A. Price
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Telephone:	215-885-4120

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
v.
Sara Packer

Montgomery County Prison
60 Eagleville Road
Norristown, PA 19403-1400

Docket No: MJ-38105-CR-0000408-2016
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Held for Court

Charge(s)	
18 § 4304 §§ A1 (Lead)	Endangering Welfare of Children - Parent/Guardian/Other Commits Offense
18 § 5101	Obstruct Admin Law/Other Govt Func

To ANY AUTHORIZED PERSON of the named County of this Commonwealth:
You are hereby commanded to convey and deliver into the custody of the Keeper of Montgomery County Prison the following named person. You, the Keeper, are required to receive the person into your custody to be safely kept by you until discharged by due course of law for:

Sara Packer

OTN: T 860966-1
DOB: 01/15/1975
SSN: 150-72-1404

Current Amount of Bail: $200,000.00
Accept Cash Bail of:
Commitment Reason: Unable to Post Bail
Commitment Start: 11/12/2016

11-22-16
Date

Magisterial District Judge

If you are disabled and require a reasonable accommodation to gain access to the Magisterial District Court and its services, please contact the Magisterial District Court at the above address or telephone number. We are unable to provide transportation.

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