

From: Michev, Alexander
Sent: Wed, 5 Oct 2022 20:20:37 +0000
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Blanchard/Chatting Op

It's set for status- no one needs to be there.

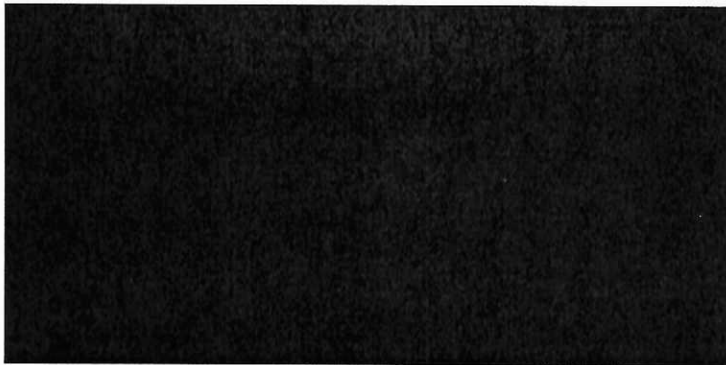
On another note, I've been trying to reach Ashley Wheeler on the Chapman case. I left her a voicemail, she left me one, and I left another. I called again and spoke to her daughter, who was supposed to pass along the message. I'll reach out again.

Alexander Michev
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 4:12 PM
To: Michev, Alexander <MichevA@chesterfield.gov>
Subject: Fw: Blanchard/Chatting Op

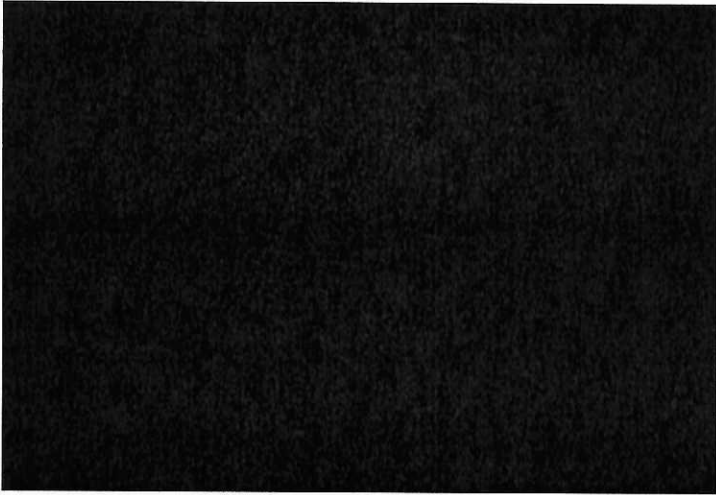
Hey Alex,

Just following up on this Blanchard case. Does he still have court on October 11? I didnt receive a subpoena for it and dont know if i'll be able to make it or not.



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 9:02 AM
To: Michev, Alexander <MichevA@chesterfield.gov>
Subject: Blanchard/Chatting Op

I wasnt there for the last court date but knew it was continued. I called the office and see that its set for October 11th at 0900. Do you know if there is some kind of deal of the table for him that was worked out from the last court date or if the plan is to put it on?



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From: Katz, Jeffrey
Sent: Tue, 17 Jan 2023 16:49:35 +0000
To: Davenport, Stacey
Subject: John Blanchard Case
Attachments: McGill Narrative 1.pdf, McGill Narrative 2.pdf

Ms. Davenport:

Thanks in large measure to the attention this case has received on social media, CCPD Special Victims Detectives received a tip last week, which led to the execution of a search warrant and the seizing of a video germane to our case against Pastor John Blanchard.

While this new information doesn't change a single word uttered or activities undertaken by anyone on the day of our investigation, it incontrovertibly validates our assertions that Blanchard knowingly sought to engage in sex with an underage girl in a Chesterfield County hotel room on the day of his arrest. Since children cannot rent hotel rooms, it is reasonable to conclude that Blanchard was, at minimum, indifferent to the reality that the person with whom he had been texting was not a prostitute but rather a child victim of human sex trafficking. A felony.

Please review the video and supplemental report (the video should be on its way to your office this morning). In light of this validation, I ask that you reevaluate your stance on setting aside the felony charge we submitted - as well as your consent to seal all records associated with this investigation.

If you feel this case has become too controversial for your office to pursue ethically, I respectfully request you consider the intervention of a special prosecutor to represent the interests of the Commonwealth.

As always, I appreciate your consideration and expertise in this matter and hope you'll continue to partner with us in our efforts to protect the vulnerable in our community. Any questions or desire to discuss further, please let me know.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey



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Col. Jeffrey S. Katz

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tue, 11 Oct 2022 18:18:50 +0000
To: Michev, Alexander
Subject: Re: Blanchard

I don't understand. The majority of those arrested will have to do those things plus be convicted. What was different about him? Not at all blaming you, I just want to understand.

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From: Michev, Alexander <MichevA@chesterfield.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 1:35:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Blanchard

Hey- thanks for checking in. The defense attorney has had some conversations with Stacey, and Defendant did the equivalent of a psychosexual and has been in sex offender related counseling. Based on all of that, it was nolle prossed this morning.

Alexander Michev
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 10:26 AM
To: Michev, Alexander <MichevA@chesterfield.gov>
Subject: Blanchard

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sun, 20 Mar 2022 11:22:32 +0000
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Michev, Alexander
Subject: Re: Blanchard

No need to appear. I just spoke with Michev yesterday and he plans to continue it again. He's trying to work out a deal but if they dont take it we'll just indict.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2022 6:22:35 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Blanchard

Hello,
I have JDR for John Blanchard on 3/22. Just reaching out to see if I'm needed to appear.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri, 20 Jan 2023 16:03:07 +0000
To: Breeden, Michael
Subject: RE: John Reed interview – Blanchard

The attorney from the CA's office handling the case was Alex Michev. Blanchard's lawyer had apparently reached out to Stacey who spoke with Alex about how the case should be handled. Blanchard, like all the defendants, was charged with the felony offense pertaining to soliciting an underage prostitute. As I recall, when I spoke to Alex after we found out the case was to be nolle prossed, Alex Michev advised that the issue was that Blanchard had a "built in defense" because he did not acknowledge the age, and that he claimed he was driving and didn't see the text where the UC says she's 17.

As to why the case wasn't sufficient to move forward via reducing the charge to a misdemeanor (just regular solicitation of a prostitute) like several of the others proceeded.....he advised that they felt we wouldn't get anything out of a misdemeanor conviction, and the better outcome was that Blanchard receive the sex offender counseling which contained components of a psychosexual evaluation. This was reiterated by Ms. Nesbitt in the meeting we all had in October where we essentially agreed to disagree on that point.

As far as the Blanchard case is concerned, to my understanding that is the only feedback we received. [REDACTED] is out in the field helping [REDACTED] with following up on the allegations made by the missing juvenile we found last night. If you'd like, when she's back I will double check with her and a couple of others who were directly involved with the case to see if they got anything additional from the CAs.

[REDACTED]

From: Breeden, Michael <BreedenM@chesterfield.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 10:06 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: John Reed interview – Blanchard

What we sort of talked about a few ago, can you provide a short response to the Colonel's question below? Please provide this as soon as you can.

Thanks

Mike

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From: Louth, R. Mike <LouthR@chesterfield.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 9:56 AM
To: Breeden, Michael <BreedenM@chesterfield.gov>
Subject: Fwd: John Reed interview – Blanchard

Hey Mike if you are in the office can you please ask [REDACTED] you verify? The only suggestion I am aware of was to state the age more than once in the chat

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From: Katz, Jeffrey <KatzJ@chesterfield.gov>

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 9:29:01 AM

To: Louth, R. Mike <LouthR@chesterfield.gov>

Cc: Hensley, Christopher <Hensleyc@chesterfield.gov>; Kelly, Dan <KellyD@chesterfield.gov>

Subject: John Reed interview – Blanchard

This morning, once again, Ms. Davenport has made public statements that she has provided guidance to our SVU staff with respect to the deficiencies on the John Blanchard's case. I'm not going to continue to publicly push this issue, as there is a diminishing return in maintaining public awareness of an injustice which has seemingly been corrected. Nevertheless, under the principle of "trust, but verify," I want to once again request that you ask your staff, if anyone has received any feedback from the CAs office on the evidentiary deficiencies in this case. I apologize for asking again, but this is not a light matter, and it deserves it judicious inquiry.

Please pardon any typos, voice to text.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey

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From: Caroon, Elizabeth
Sent: Fri, 6 Jan 2023 01:51:20 +0000
To: [REDACTED] Breeden, Michael [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Info for Katz

You are the bomb! Seriously. I appreciate you!

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2023 7:00 PM
To: Breeden, Michael <BreedenM@chesterfield.gov>; Caroon, Elizabeth <CaroonE@chesterfield.gov>;
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Info for Katz

Here you go...

| Type of Operation | Date | Number of Arrests |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| Juvenile Prostitution | [REDACTED] | 2 after Blanchard (17 total) |
| Adult Prostitution | [REDACTED] | 10 |
| Juvenile Prostitution | [REDACTED] | 3 |
| Juvenile Prostitution | [REDACTED] | 13 |
| Adult Prostitution | [REDACTED] | 13 |
| Adult Prostitution | [REDACTED] | 14 |
| Adult Prostitution/ Suspects planned to help Traffic Prostitutes | [REDACTED] | 4 |
| Juvenile Prostitution | [REDACTED] | 3 |
| Adult Prostitution | [REDACTED] | 6 |

I count a total of 9 operations with 68 subjects arrested. Let me know if this isn't quite what you were looking for. I kept it to only prostitution operations in this chart. If we are talking about ALL chatting ops, there are technically three more operations we ran with two more arrests. They didn't involve any exchange of money, the charges were pertaining to solicitation of sex from children. If you include those it's 10 operations with 70 arrests.

Let me know if you need any further.

[REDACTED]

From: Breeden, Michael <BreedenM@chesterfield.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2023 6:44 PM
To: [REDACTED] Caroon, Elizabeth <CaroonE@chesterfield.gov>;
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Info for Katz

Thank you

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2023 5:46:20 PM
To: Breeden, Michael <BreedenM@chesterfield.gov>; Caroon, Elizabeth <CaroonE@chesterfield.gov>;
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Info for Katz

I am

From: Breeden, Michael <BreedenM@chesterfield.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2023 5:45:50 PM
To: Caroon, Elizabeth <CaroonE@chesterfield.gov>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Info for Katz

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From: Caroon, Elizabeth <CaroonE@chesterfield.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 5, 2023 5:12:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Breeden, Michael <BreedenM@chesterfield.gov>
Subject: Info for Katz

Hey hey,

Don't need this today but by tomorrow morning-ish would be awesome:
Can you tell me how many prostitution sting operations we've conducted since Blanchard was arrested and how many people we have arrested in those stings after Blanchard was arrested? In the count of arrests since Blanchard was arrested, we want to include anyone arrested after him in the sting he was arrested in. We want to include ALL the stings, adult and juvenile focused. Call me if this doesn't make sense! 804-543-7214.

Liz

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