

TIMELINE

Oct. 2020

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MeWe Account Created

A social media account using an email address later connected to Skinner was created on Oct. 2. MeWe issued a CyberTip to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children that year.

May 2022

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CyberTip About 3 Images

MeWe reported around May 11 that an account holder uploaded three pictures containing suspected child porn. They lock the account June 28, 2022.

June 7, 2023

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Investigation Begins

The Camden County Sheriff's Office received a CyberTip from the NCMEC. Detective McGuire confirmed the images from the 2022 CyberTip were child porn.

July 14, 2023

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Detective Learns Email Address

Detective McGuire learned that the email address used to create the MeWe account was registered Oct. 2, 2020.

July 26, 2023

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Skinner Becomes The Suspect

Detective McGuire learned on July 25 that one of the IP addresses used by the account was in Camden. On July 26, he learned from Google that the associated Gmail belonged to Skinner.

Aug. 1, 2023

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MSHP Takes Over The Case

The Sheriff's office requested the MSHP Digital Forensic Investigative Unit complete the investigation due to potential conflict of interest.

Aug. 15, 2023

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Skinner's House is Searched

Investigator Pehle interviews Skinner who confirmed the account belonged to him and that he got pictures, but he deleted them immediately. Nothing is found on his phone, so MSHP concludes there is not enough to charge. Case files go to the prosecutor's office.

Aug. 22, 2023

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Skinner's Last Day As Paid Deputy

According to county officials' review of payment information, this is the last day Skinner is paid - one day before Macks Creek begins the school year.

Aug. 23, 2023

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Helms Posts Public Letter

Sheriff Helms posted a public letter on Facebook acknowledging the investigation and saying the then-unnamed deputy had been terminated.

Dec. 6, 2023

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Prosecutor Obtains More Account Data

Around Dec. 6, a search warrant was obtained by Robinett and sent to MeWe, who gave the full account data, including information Robinett had noticed was missing previously.

Dec. 14, 2023

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MSHP Reviews More Information

Master Sgt. Patrick Sublette and Pehle were contacted by the prosecutor's office and met with them on Dec. 14 to discuss the additional information. From Pehle's observation in the MeWe user chat, 15 of the 18 images deemed child porn had been sent by Skinner to other users.

Dec. 18, 2023

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Skinner Arrested

Darrin Skinner was taken into custody by MSHP around noon with no bond. He faces 14 felony charges, with his next court appearance set for Jan. 2, 2024.