

# DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR Montgomery County

LOCATED AT (COURT ADDRESS)

191 East Jefferson St

Rockville, MD 20855

DC Case : 3D00411897

(City/County)

DEFENDANT'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, M.I.)
BERO, MAXWELL, A

# APPLICATION FOR STATEMENT OF CHARGES (CONTINUED) Page 2 of 3

On July 28, 2020, the Montgomery County Police Special Victims Investigations Division (SVID) began an investigation into the alleged sexual abuse of VICTIM A, Maxwell Alexander Bero, DOB 2/12/1990 (hereinafter referred to as BERO). The alleged abuse occurred between August 25, 2014 and June 12, 2015 when VICTIM A was an 8th grade student at Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School, located at 11800 Monticello Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20902.

On July 29, 2020, VICTIM A was interviewed by SVID Detective Maines at 7300 Calhoun Place Suite 300 Rockville, Maryland 20855. The following is a brief summary of VICTIM A'S disclosure:

When she was fourteen years old, VICTIM A moved to Maryland and enrolled in the 8th grade at Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School. During this time, BERO, a full-time employee of the school, was VICTIM A'S History teacher. VICTIM A and BERO'S friendship began when VICTIM A and other students would spend their lunch period in BERO'S classroom getting help with assignments. During this time, VICTIM A disclosed her family issues to BERO and the struggles of being a bi-racial student. At one point, BERO posted his "KIK" username on the board for students to message him directly with questions about assignments, which lead to VICTIM A and BERO messaging back and forth on a regular basis.

On an unknown date in late 2014, VICTIM A received an unsolicited nude photo from an intoxicated BERO who was celebrating at his bachelor party. After sending a full-frontal image of his naked body, BERO asked VICTIM A to send one in return. VICTIM A responded with an image of her bare chest with her hair covering her breasts. BERO and VICTIM A continued to exchange nude images and messages related to "sexual fantasies" for the remainder of the school year. The images sent by BERO, which were taken from the restroom in his personal residence and the boy's restroom at Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School, contained images of BERO'S body fully naked with his penis exposed and images of BERO masturbating himself. The images sent by VICTIM A were similar in nature.

At school, while alone in BERO'S classroom during lunch period, BERO would "graze across" VICTIM A'S breasts and buttocks while reaching for items. VICTIM A and BERO would also message one another and arrange to meet in BERO'S classroom at the end of the day, giving the appearance that VICTIM A was getting extra help with assignments or helping BERO clean the classroom to earn "student service-learning hours".

While alone in the classroom, VICTIM A would sit on BERO'S lap, straddle him, and rub her vaginal area over BERO'S penis, causing BERO to have an erection. During these instances, BERO would "grope" VICTIM A'S body to include her breasts and buttocks over the clothing while VICTIM A "touched all over" BERO'S body. If the door to BERO'S classroom was unlocked, these acts would take place in front of a supply closet, that when opened, provided concealment from people walking by the classroom door. At other times, the door to the classroom would be locked.

At the start of VICTIM A'S freshman year of high school, BERO gave VICTIM A his personal cell phone number. VICTIM A used her Apple iPhone 4 to text and call BERO a "few times", but eventually stopped communication by the end of her freshman year, which ended June 17, 2016.

8.24 2020

Detective C. Maines

Printed Name

Tr.#201001396853



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Due to the above stated facts, your affiant requests that the defendant, Maxwell Alexander Bero, DOB 2/12/1990 be charged with the following offenses:

ONE count CR 3-602 SEX ABUSE OF A MINOR against VICTIM A.

TWO counts CR 3-307 THIRD DEGREE SEX OFFENSE against VICTIM A for the first and last time that the defendant touched the breasts of VICTIM A.

TWO counts CR 3-307 THIRD DEGREE SEX OFFENSE against VICTIM A for the first and last time that the defendant touched the buttocks of VICTIM A.

TWO counts CR 3-307 THIRD DEGREE SEX OFFENSE against VICTIM A for the first and last time that the defendant's erect penis rubbed against the vagina of VICTIM A.

All of the above events occurred in Montgomery County, Maryland.

Detective C. Maines

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# DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Located at 191 EAST JEFFERSON STREET, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850

Case No. 3D00411897

# STATE OF MARYLAND VS. BERO, MAXWELL ALEXANDER

12803 GATE RAIL ROAD CLARKSBURG MD 208710000

CC #:200027080

Height: 6'01"

LocID:

Eyes: Race: 2 Hair: BRN DOB:02/12/1990

Weight: 160 lb.

Charge | Statute | AR/Citation

SEX ABUSE MINOR | 1 0322 CR3602(b)(1) | SEX OFFENSE THIRD DEGREE | 3 3600 CR3307 | SEX OFFENSE THIRD DEGREE | 3 3600 CR3307 | SEX OFFENSE THIRD DEGREE | 3 3600 CR3307 |

Sex:M Charge | Statute | AR/Citation

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State ID:

# COMMITMENT PENDING HEARING

TO: MONTGOMERY COUNTY DETENTION CENTER, C/O SHERIFF'S OFFICE JUD CTR, 50 MARYLAND AVE, T-8, ROCKVILLE, 20850

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive from any officer the body of the above-named Defendant who is charged with the offense(s) listed above.

Bail review was held by Judge PATRICIA MITCHELL and the Defendant is committed In default of \$10,000.00 bail, unsecured personal bond required.

# SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITION(S)/RESTRICTION(S):

NOT ENGAGE IN CRIM. ACT./APPEAR IN CT/PTSU LIVE@VERIF ADD W/ MOTHER/NO CONTACT W/VICS STWIT/CODEF/STAY AWAY:12803 GATE RAIL DR. CURFEW SET BY PTSU/NO UNSUPERVISED CONTACT

Communication devices W/MINOR CHILDREN/NO USE OF ELECTRONIC YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to produce the Defendant for Trial/Hearing

on 10/09/2020 at 10:00 a.m. in Court Room 513 at the District Court of Maryland For

MONTGOMERY COUNTY located at 191 EAST JEFFERSON STREET, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850

Date: 08/27/2020 Time: 2:02 p.m.

Tracking No. 201001396853

CC-DC-CR-028 (Rev. 07/2017)

JUDGE/CLERK:



VS.

Case No. 3D00411897

STATE OF MARYLAND

BERO, MAXWELL ALEXANDER

12803 GATE RAIL ROAD CLARKSBURG, MD, 20871

CC#: 200027080

SID: DL#:

LID: Race: 2 Sex: M

Wt: 160

Hair: BRN Eyes: Phone(W):

DOB: 02/12/1990 Phone(H): 443-566-0618

Ht: 6' 01"

Charge | Statute | AR/Citation | CJISCode

SEX OFFENSE THIRD DEGREE | CR 3 307 | | 3 3600 SEX OFFENSE THIRD DEGREE | CR 3 307 | | 3 3600 SEX OFFENSE THIRD DEGREE | CR 3 307 | | 3 3600

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#### COMMITMENT PENDING HEARING □ Domestic Violence □ Civil □ Criminal ☐ Traffic

TO: MONTGOMERY COUNTY DETENTION CENTER 1307 SEVEN LOCKS ROAD ROCKVILLE 20852

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive from any officer the body of the above-named Defendant who is charged with the offense(s) listed above. Without Bail.

### SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITION(S)/RESTRICTION(S):

NONE

#### YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to:

Produce the Defendant for Bail Review: on 08/27/2020 at 1:00PM in Court Room 513 District Court of Maryland For Montgomery County, 191 East Jefferson St, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

Date: 08/26/2020 Time: 1:41 PM	Commissioner:	COMMISSI (8800
☐ Bail Review was held on	by Judge	ID: 6609
is committed in default of \$	bail (% Acceptable).	and Defendant
Fracking No. 201001396853	CC-DC CR 012 (By 072017)	



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STATE OF MARYLAND

VS.

BERO, MAXWELL ALEXANDER

12803 GATE RAIL ROAD CLARKSBURG, MD, 20871 SID: LID:

## INITIAL APPEARANCE REPORT

(Md. Rules 4-213, 4-213.1, 4-216 and 4-216.1)

#### Advice

I hereby certify that when the above named Defendant was brought before me for initial appearance, I:

ADVISED Defendant has appeared without an attorney and has a right to an attorney at the initial appearance, of the importance of having an attorney and, if indigent, the Public Defender will provide representation if the proceeding is before a judge or, a court-appointed attorney will provide representation if the proceeding is before a commissioner.

ADVISED Defendant has the right to waive the right to be represented by an attorney at the initial appearance and the waiver is only applicable to the initial appearance and not to any other hearing or proceeding.

ADVISED Defendant has an absolute right to hire a private attorney at Defendant's expense to defend against these charges. If the Defendant does not have the money to hire a private attorney, the Defendant is advised to apply right away to a District Court commissioner for representation by the Public Defender. A District Court commissioner makes the determination of whether the Defendant is financially eligible for the services of the Public Defender. After receipt of the Final Qualification, all further questions should be directed to the Public Defender's Office.

ADVISED Defendant any representation by a court-appointed attorney is provisional, limited to the initial appearance, and will terminate automatically upon conclusion of the hearing.

INFORMED Defendant of each offense charged and of the allowable penalties, including any mandatory or enhanced penalties, if any.

REQUIRED Defendant to read the Notice of Advice of Right to Counsel.

ADVISED Defendant that if Defendant appears for trial without counsel, the Court could determine that the Defendant waived counsel and the Defendant may have to proceed to trial unrepresented by counsel.

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE: Defendant was represented at initial appearance by Private Attorney.

APPEARANCE: COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY/PUBLIC DEFENDER

Received:

Attorney's Name: SANDLER, RENE

Appeared Remotely.

ADVISED defendant of provisional representation by court-appointed attorney shall be limited to the initial appearance before the judicial officer and shall terminate automatically upon the conclusion of this proceeding. ADVISED Defendant that the charge is a felony that is not within the jurisdiction of the District Court; the Defendant has a right to have a preliminary hearing by a request made now or within 10 days; and failure to make a timely request will result in a waiver of this hearing.

Defendant requests preliminary hearing. Clerk will notify Defendant of date.

On the basis of information available to and developed by me I HAVE DETERMINED:

Defendant ordered held without bond.

Reasonable likelihood Defendant poses a danger to the safety of the alleged victim, another persons, or community. The Defendant is to be HELD WITHOUT BOND.



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STATE OF MARYLAND

VS.

BERO, MAXWELL ALEXANDER

12803 GATE RAIL ROAD CLARKSBURG, MD 20871-0000

SID:

LID:

DOB: 02/12/1990

# INITIAL APPEARANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

	DEFEN	DANT RESPONSES			
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Maryland Resident Living With: NATI # of Dependents:	HAHA BERO		/ife		
Driver's License #:		State:			
Employer: MCPS Address:		Phone #: ( ) -	Full Time: Yes Part Time:		
Occupation: TEAC	HER		How Long: 8 YEARS		
Income: \$6,000.00	Source:	# of Depend	lents rely on income:		
Licensed By:		License #:			
Last Employer:		Phone #: ( ) -	How Long:		
Amount: \$955.00 Other Assets:	Expense: MORTGAGE W/M_X_				
Prior Convictions:	No	Prior FTA: No			
Pending Cases:	No	Probation/Parole: No			
THE RESERVE	REC	CORD CHECK			
Commissioner verif DISTRICT C	ied, No, CP 5-202 does not appl OURT		СЛІЅ		
Traffic: Y Warrant: Y	Criminal: Y Civil: Y	WRAP/RAPS: METERS/NCIC/III			
CIRCUIT COURT	MVA	III QH: Y QR: NLETS IQ: Y FO:	The same of the sa		
Statewide: Y	Conviction Synopsis: Y	DRIVERS LICENSE QUERIES DQ: Y KQ: Y			

There are COMMENTS associated with this case. See ATTACHED PAGE.

DJS ASSIST

Juvenile: Y

Prob/Admin Per Se Hist:Y

DV OFFICE

DV/PO: Y

08/26/2020

Individual: Y

**JPORTAL** 

Case Search: Y

MD DV/PO: Y

DC/CR 7A (Rev. 12/29/2011)

Commissioner

ID: 6609 (Signature)

Wanted Persons QW: Y

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Registered/Lifetime Sex Offender: Y



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STATE OF MARYLAND

### BERO, MAXWELL ALEXANDER

12803 GATE RAIL ROAD CLARKSBURG, MD 20871-0000

CC#: 200027080

Tracking No: 201001396853

Phone(H): 443-566-0618

Phone(W):

Charge | Statute | Arrest

SEX OFFENSE THIRD DEGREE | CR 3 307 SEX OFFENSE THIRD DEGREE | CR 3 307 SEX OFFENSE THIRD DEGREE | CR 3 307

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SEX ABUSE MINOR | CR 3 602 (B)(1) |
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Date: 08/24/2020

### ARREST WARRANT

Warrant Control No. D200245706

STATE OF MARYLAND, Montgomery County TO ANY PEACE OFFICER:

An Order of the Court was entered on 08/24/2020, ordering the arrest of BERO, MAXWELL ALEXANDER to be brought before this Court for an Initial Appearance.

YOU ARE ORDERED to immediately arrest the above named person who resides or may be located at: 12803 GATE RAIL ROAD, CLARKSBURG, MD 20871.

IF THE DEFENDANT IS NOT IN CUSTODY FOR ANOTHER OFFENSE, Initial appearance is to be held in county in which Warrant was issued.

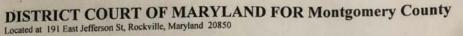
#### YOU ARE FURTHER DIRECTED:

to immediately take this person before a judicial officer of the District Court; or if the Warrant so specifies, before a judicial officer of the circuit court. An appearance by video satisfies the requirements of this directive.

IF THE DEFENDANT IS IN CUSTODY FOR ANOTHER OFFENSE, this Warrant is to be lodged as a detainer for the continued detention of the Defendant for the offense charged in the charging document. When the Defendant is served with a copy of the charging document and Warrant, the Defendant shall be taken before a judicial officer of the District Court; or if the Warrant so specifies, before a judicial officer of the Circuit Court.

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Date: 08/24/2020 Time:9:11 PM	1 X 610	ID:	6644
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<b>DESCRIPTION:</b> Driver's License # B-6	00-593-044-113 MD Race: 2 Sex	: M Ht: 6' 1" Wt: 160 Hair: BRN Eyes:	
DOB: 02/12/1990	SID#	SSN	
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Given to Law Enforcement Agency:	MCPD HEADQUARTERS		
	RETURN OF SERVICE		
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## STATE OF MARYLAND

COMPLAINANT:

Officer: MAINES, DETECTIVE C Agency/Subagency: MCP HQ15 Officer ID: 2511

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Sex: M

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CC#: 200027080

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Phone(W):

### STATEMENT OF CHARGES

UPON THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION OF Officer: MAINES, DETECTIVE C IT IS FORMALLY CHARGED THAT BERO, MAXWELL ALEXANDER at the dates, times and locations specified below:

NUM	CHG/CIT	STATUTE	PENALTY	DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARGE
001	1 0322	CR 3 602 ((b)(1))	25 Y	SEX ABUSE MINOR On or About 08/25/2014 - 06/12/2015 11800 MONTICELLO AVE, SILVER SPRING, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND did cause sexual abuse to VICTIM A, a minor, the defendant having temporary responsibility for the supervision of said child. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
002	3 3600	CR 3 307	10 Y	SEX OFFENSE THIRD DEGREE On or About 08/25/2014 - 06/12/2015 11800 MONTICELLO AVE, SILVER SPRING, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND did unlawfully commit a sexual offense in the third degree upon VICTIM A in violation of CR 3-307 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
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Date: 08/24/2020 Time: 9:11 PM

Tracking No. 201001396853

Judicial Officer:

violation of CR 3-307 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.



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