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**PRESS RELEASE**

**West Chester University Theater Student  
Arrested For Recording Women In Public Bathrooms**

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan announced the arrest of West Chester University theater student Joshua Yannuzzi for hiding a phone and recording women in public bathrooms and other locations in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland. There are over 20 identified female victims and potentially many more who have yet to be identified. The defendant has been charged with felony wire-tap violations, criminal use of a communication facility, invasion of privacy, and other offenses.

The defendant is 24 years old. He is a Musical Theatre<sup>1</sup> student at West Chester University. He was scheduled to perform in the university's production of "My Fair Lady" in November. He resides in Honey Brook, Pennsylvania. The cover of the defendant's Facebook page is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

District Attorney Tom Hogan stated, "This defendant was a technological predator. Using his ties in the theater community, he specifically targeted certain young women for hidden recordings in private places, all for his own sexual

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<sup>1</sup> Depending on the spelling chosen by the organization or program, the term theater is spelled as "theater" or "theatre" herein.

gratification. The victims, the victims' friends and family, and the entire theater community have been betrayed.”

The allegations of the criminal complaint are as follows:<sup>2</sup>

On October 10, 2018, a young woman was using a single-person bathroom located at the O.E. Bull Center on the campus of West Chester University, Chester County, Pennsylvania. The victim discovered an iPhone taped to the inside of the bathroom, pointed at the toilet and recording. The victim turned the iPhone over to the police.

The police located defendant Joshua Yannuzzi outside of the bathroom. Video surveillance recordings revealed the defendant entering the bathroom before the victim and then checking the bathroom after the victim left.

Police then used a search warrant to examine the contents of the iPhone. Police also reviewed the defendant's online accounts, analyzed video recordings, conducted interviews, and engaged in other investigative techniques. From all of this information, the following facts were developed.

The defendant is active in the local theater community. He specifically targeted young women he knew, through performances or other activities. He would hide his iPhone inside a bathroom and surreptitiously record women in various states of nudity. He engaged in this activity for his own sexual gratification. The defendant has engaged in this conduct over 50 times in the last two years. Photographs that the defendant inadvertently took of himself hiding the phone in bathrooms are attached hereto as Exhibits B and C.

The defendant's crimes took place at the following locations:

- The E.O. Bull Center at West Chester University
- The Footlighters Theater in Berwyn, Pennsylvania
- The Genesis Theatre in Reading, Pennsylvania
- The Street Lamp Productions Theater in Rising Sun, Maryland

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<sup>2</sup> A criminal defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

- A residence in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Multiple residences in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
- A residence in West Chester, Pennsylvania
- A residence in Reading, Pennsylvania

In addition to hiding his iPhone in bathrooms and recording women, the defendant also installed a software application that allowed him to surreptitiously photograph women. This app is called “The-Spy-Camera” and is commercially available.

The defendant also took at least one of his illegal recordings of a victim and posted the recording to a website called “[www.thisvid.com](http://www.thisvid.com).” The video of this victim was viewed over 1,000 times.

The defendant has been arrested and charged with over 100 offenses, including: wire-tap violations, criminal use of a communication facility, distribution of obscene materials, and invasion of privacy. He has been banned from the West Chester University campus while the school pursues administrative remedies against him.

District Attorney Hogan added, “We need other victims to come forward and help us prosecute this defendant. Anybody who had contact with Josh Yannuzzi in theater productions or living arrangements is a potential victim. Victims can contact the Chester County Detectives and confidentially review recordings possibly related to them to determine if they were illegally recorded.”

This case was investigated by the West Chester University Police Department and the Chester County Detectives. The assigned prosecutor is Kevin Pierce. Anybody with information about the defendant should contact Chester County Detective Robert Balchunis at (610) 344-6866.

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Approved for release:

Thomas P. Hogan

Josh Yannuzzi

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DO YOU KNOW JOSH?

To see what he shares with friends, [send him a friend request.](#)

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Intro

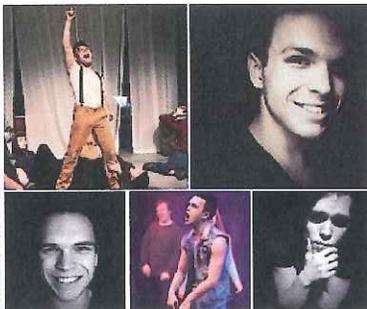
I'm an actor, athlete, worker, friend, son, lover, and a fighter. Dreams are my reality.

Concessions, Usher, Box Office at [Regal Cinemas](#)

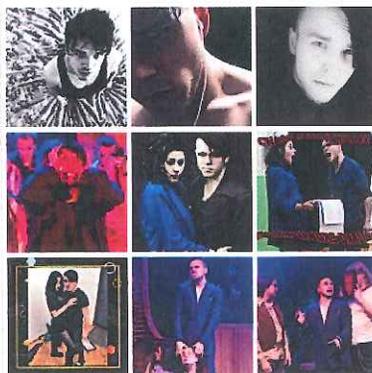
Studies Musical Theatre at [West Chester University of PA](#)

Studied Communication & Theatre Arts at [Delaware County Community College](#)

Lives in [Honey Brook, Pennsylvania](#)



Photos



Josh Yannuzzi  
October 24 at 11:48 PM ·

Tomorrow marks the 2 week mark for the opening of My Fair Lady at West Chester University! This is going to be different than any other MFL you have seen. Gender bent roles and unique changes will make this a completely different experience! So if you think you know this show, come see this one and test your knowledge.

Ticket link:  
<http://wcupatix.com/theatreanddance/>

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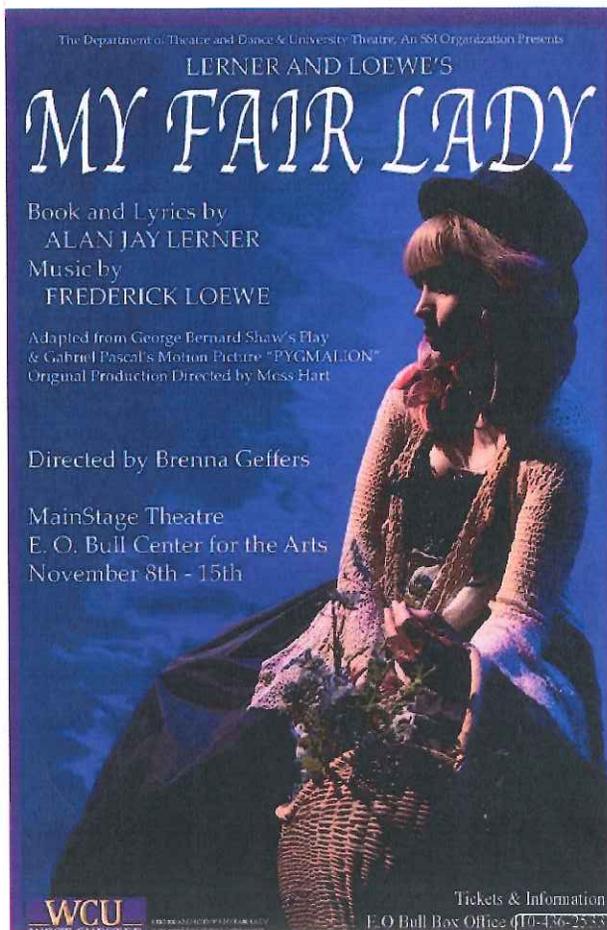
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Book and Lyrics by  
ALAN JAY LERNER  
Music by  
FREDERICK LOEWE

Adapted from George Bernard Shaw's Play  
& Gabriel Pascal's Motion Picture "PYGMALION"  
Original Production Directed by Mess Hart

Directed by Brenna Geffers

MainStage Theatre  
E. O. Bull Center for the Arts  
November 8th - 15th



Tickets & Information  
E. O. Bull Box Office (610) 436-2533

EXHIBIT A

IMG\_1627.MOV (~10/10/2018)



EXHIBIT B

IMG\_1597.MOV (~10/09/2018)

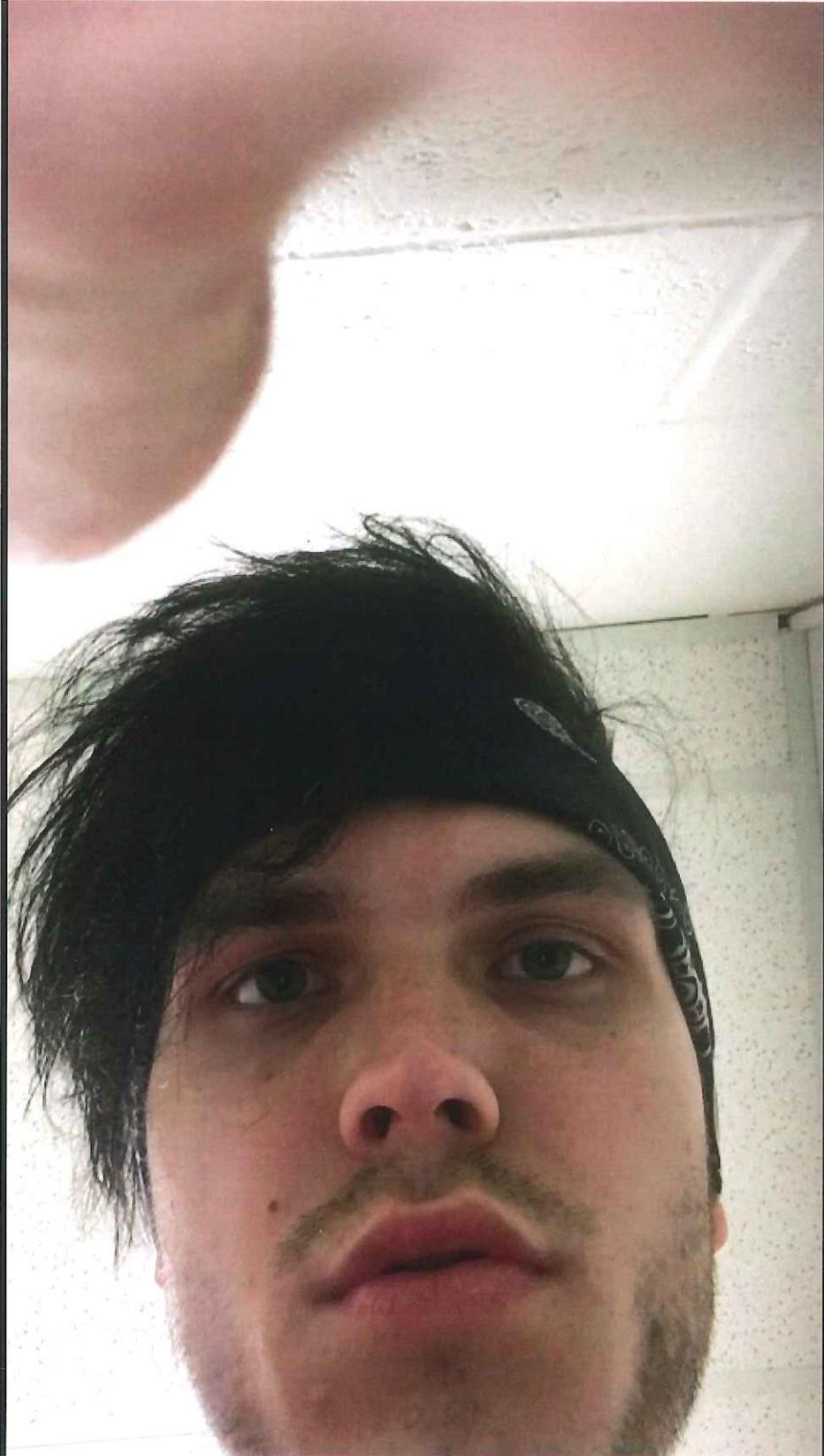


EXHIBIT C