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## MCSO ARRESTS 'CLOSE SCHOOL OF MUSIC' OWNER FOR CONDUCTING UNLAWFUL SURVEILLANCE ON PATRONS

*Current and Past Patrons Encouraged to Call MCSO with Information: (585)753-4175*

**Parma, NY (December 9, 2019)** – On Thursday, December 5, 2019, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office arrested Philip M. Close, 42, Rochester, owner of Close School of Music, located at 5017 W. Ridge Road, for Unlawful Surveillance in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (Class E – Felony). Mr. Close was remanded to the Monroe County Jail on \$2,000 cash/\$4,000 bond. The arrest stems from the discovery by a customer of a camera in the restroom of the music school. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office was called to the location after the discovery and began its investigation.

MCSO's preliminary investigation revealed that the owner of the music school, Mr. Close, allegedly placed the camera in the restroom. In collaboration with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Section, search warrants were executed at the music school to secure any potential evidence.

On Sunday, December 8, 2019, another search warrant was executed at Mr. Close's residence in the city of Rochester to secure any further potential evidence as it relates to this case.

The investigation is active and ongoing. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office is working in collaboration with the Monroe County District Attorney's Office to bring a resolution to this criminal investigation, however, the investigation is expected to be involved and take some time.

**The Monroe County Sheriff's Office is urging any current or past clients of the music school to contact the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Records Unit at (585) 753-4175.** This phone is monitored 24/7 and is available to the public to call and provide information as it relates to this case. Per online records, the Close School of Music has been operating since 2016.





**Close, Philip M.**

Age: 42

Rochester, NY

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