A 911 dispatcher was suspected of patronizing a prostitute. He allegedly used his job to track his own case.

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A Centre County 911 dispatcher faces felony charges stemming from an investigation that allegedly started with an escort and a State College motel.

According to separate affidavits filed by State College police, based on information received, officers set up surveillance detail on Nov. 9 targeting prostitution activities at a South Atherton Street motel. On that date, officers reportedly observed a man, later identified as Alex P. Lieberman, 22, entering the motel, greeted by a woman at the door.

Lieberman left shortly after, police said, and was stopped by police near Old Boalsburg Road. He allegedly admitted to responding to an escort advertisement and made arrangements to meet the woman via text messages, saying he paid $100 to talk to her before leaving.

Lieberman’s cellphone was taken by officers as evidence, police said. When officers returned to the police station, they noted the phone had reportedly been wiped by Lieberman.

On Nov. 22, a report containing Lieberman’s access into the criminal records management system was generated at the request of the Centre County Emergency Communication Center, police said. The report, along with information from the center director, allegedly revealed Lieberman had worked eight shifts between Nov. 9-19, and had accessed the management system to conduct searches of his name, phone number and all supplemental records involving his case.

“Lieberman tracked every aspect of the case in which he was a suspect,” police said.

The standard operating procedures for the communication center dispatchers prohibit them from unauthorized access into any system protected by the Criminal History Record Information act of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, police said.

Lieberman was arraigned before District Judge Carmine Prestia on Friday, according to court documents, and was charged with eight felony counts of unlawful use of a computer, eight misdemeanor counts of unlawfully accessing stored communications and misdemeanor charges of tampering with evidence and patronizing prostitutes. Unsecured bail was set at $25,000.

A preliminary hearing is set for Jan. 3.