
United States District Court

WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CORY STAHL,
[DOB: 03/28/1979]

18 U.S.C. § 2251(a) & (e)
NLT 15 Years Imprisonment
NMT 30 Years Imprisonment
NMT \$250,000.00 Fine
Supervised Release 5 Years to Life
\$100 Mandatory Special Assessment
Class B Felony

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Case Number: 11-0007-JTM-01

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Between on or about August 1, 2009, and August 31, 2009, in the Western District of Missouri, and elsewhere, CORY STAHL, did employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a minor, John Doe, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, which visual depiction was produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in interstate and foreign commerce, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251(a) and (e).

I further state that I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

(See attached Affidavit)

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: Yes No.

/s/ Michael Daniels
Michael Daniels, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

January 20, 2011 at
Date

Kansas City, Missouri
City and State

HONORABLE
United States Magistrate Judge John T. Maughmer
Name and Title of Judicial Officer

/s/ John T. Maughmer
Signature of Judicial Officer

AFFIDAVIT

I, Michael Daniels, Special Agent (SA) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Kansas City, Missouri, being duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

1. I am currently assigned as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Cyber Crimes Task Force (CCTF). Since 2002, I have been assigned to investigate computer crimes to include violations against children.
2. This affidavit is in support of a Complaint for Cory Stahl, white male, date of birth March 28, 1979, for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251.
3. In September 2010, an individual was arrested in Baltimore, Maryland by the FBI for distribution of child pornography. This individual, hereinafter referred to as Cooperating Witness (CW), eventually agreed to proffer and provided information regarding an individual named Cory Stahl who was sexually abusing a minor, taking pornographic photographs of that minor and others, and distributing the photographs via the Internet.
4. In 2006, Stahl began sponsoring a child through a local mentoring service. The child, hereinafter referred to as Minor Victim (MV), was approximately nine years old at that time.
5. In 2007, Stahl sent erotic photographs of the MV to the CW and stated the CW could do whatever he wanted sexually with the MV. During 2007 and 2008, Stahl made additional offers to the CW to have sex with the MV.
6. In 2008, the CW met Stahl in Kansas City. During the visit, Stahl showed the CW pornographic photographs of the MV and a minor friend of the MV performing oral sex on each other.

7. Stahl sent photographs to the CW through Stahl's Flickr account. These photographs were not pornographic in nature. Stahl sent erotic photographs to the CW via the file transfer feature of MSN Messenger or Google Chat. These photographs were zipped and password protected. Some of the photographs involved the MV.

8. On January 18, 2011, based on the above information, contact was made with Stahl at his residence, 416 NW 63rd Street, #237, Kansas City, Missouri. Stahl gave agents permission to search his residence, computers, computer storage devices, and camera media for images of child pornography. During the search, a pornographic photograph of the MV was located on Stahl's Macintosh computer. Macintosh computers are manufactured outside of the United States. The photograph was described as follows:

The MV was nude lying on the couch in Stahl's living room. One of the MV's legs was on the armrest of the couch. The angle of the photograph was from the MV's feet. The MV's penis and anus were clearly visible in the photograph.

9. As a result of the image being located, Stahl was asked if all the items in the residence could be taken and examined forensically. Stahl gave his permission for the items to be taken and helped agents carry the items from his apartment to Affiant's vehicle.

10. On January 19, 2011, the items were examined. Approximately 72 pornographic images of the MV were located on a Kingston Technology 2GB compact flash card. The manufacturing information contained on the flash card indicate the flash card was manufactured in Taiwan. The properties of the photographs indicated the photographs were taken with a Canon EOS 40D digital camera. No Cannon cameras are manufactured in the state of Missouri. The card was recovered from a camera bag in Stahl's apartment which contained a Canon camera. The following is a description of three of the photographs with the dates based on the properties embedded in the photographs:

- a. The MV is sitting nude on the couch in Stahl's apartment. The MV is wearing a necklace with a key on it. The MV is holding his penis. The date of the photograph is August 10, 2009.
- b. The MV is lying nude on his stomach on a bed with a blue comforter. The MV appears to be inserting his finger in his anus. The date of the photograph is August 10, 2009.
- c. The MV is standing nude holding his penis. The MV is wearing a necklace with a key on it. The date of the photograph is August 15, 2009.

11. On January 19, 2011, the MV was interviewed regarding the photographs. The MV stated the person in the photographs was him and they were all taken on a Canon 40D digital camera in Stahl's apartment by Stahl. The photographs described in a. and c. were taken in the living room of the apartment. The photograph described in b. was taken on Stahl's bed. The necklace the MV was wearing was given to him by Stahl.

The foregoing is true and correct to the best of my information and belief:

/s/ Michael Daniels
Michael Daniels, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subscribed and sworn before me this 20th day of January, 2011.

/s/ John T. Maughmer
John T. Maughmer
United States Magistrate Judge