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14 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CASE NO. 1:22-cr-00207 JLT-SKO

15 Plaintiff,

VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of
16 Rights Under Color of Law (10 Counts)

v.

17 J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

18 Defendant.

20 INDICTMENT

21 INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATIONS

22 At all times material to this Indictment:

23 1. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE was employed as a police officer by the Sanger
24 Police Department.

25 2. By virtue of being employed as a police officer, Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE
26 was required to act in compliance with the United States Constitution.

27 3. M.C.G., L.S., S.L., and B.H. were females with whom Defendant J. DESHAWN
28 TORRENCE interacted in the course of his duties as a police officer with the Sanger Police Department.

1 COUNT ONE: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law Resulting in Bodily Injury
2 and including Aggravated Sexual Abuse]

3 The Grand Jury charges: T H A T

5 J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

6 defendant herein, as follows:

7 4. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

8 5. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, between on or about August 1 and October 18, 2017,
9 in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of California, did, while acting under the color of
10 law, willfully deprive M.C.G. of her fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and protected
11 by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when he penetrated M.C.G.’s vulva with his penis
12 without M.C.G.’s consent and without a legitimate law enforcement purpose. The defendant’s conduct
13 resulted in bodily injury and included aggravated sexual abuse.

14 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

15 COUNT TWO: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law including Aggravated
16 Sexual Abuse]

17 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

18 J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

19 defendant herein, as follows:

20 6. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

21 7. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, between on or about August 1 and October 18, 2017,
22 in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of California, did, while acting under the color of
23 law, willfully deprive M.C.G. of her fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and protected
24 by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when he caused his penis to have contact with
M.C.G.’s mouth without M.C.G.’s consent and without a legitimate law enforcement purpose. The
defendant’s conduct included aggravated sexual abuse.

25 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

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1 COUNT THREE: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law]

2 The Grand Jury further charges: T H A T

3 J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

4 defendant herein, as follows:

5 8. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

6 9. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, on one and more occasions, between on or about
7 October 19, 2017, and January 31, 2020, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of
8 California, did, while acting under the color of law, willfully deprive M.C.G. of her fundamental right to
9 bodily integrity, a right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when he
10 caused his penis to have contact with M.C.G.’s mouth without M.C.G.’s consent and without a
11 legitimate law enforcement purpose.

12 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

13 COUNT FOUR: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law]

14 The Grand Jury also charges: T H A T

15 J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

16 defendant herein, as follows:

17 10. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by
18 reference.

19 11. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, between on or about January 11 and January 31,
20 2021, within the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of California, did, while acting under color
21 of law, willfully deprive M.C.G. of her fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and
22 protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when he touched M.C.G.’s breast without
23 M.C.G.’s consent and without a legitimate law enforcement purpose. The defendant’s conduct resulted
24 in bodily injury.

25 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

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1 COUNT FIVE: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law including Attempted
2 Aggravated Sexual Abuse]

3 The Grand Jury also charges: T H A T

4 J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

5 defendant herein, as follows:

6 12. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by
7 reference.

8 13. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, between on or about October 15 and November 22,
9 2017, in the County of Fresno in the State Eastern District of California, did, while acting under the
10 color of law, willfully deprive L.S. of her fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and
11 protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when he touched L.S.’s breast and touched
12 L.S.’s buttocks without L.S.’s consent and without a legitimate law enforcement purpose. The
13 defendant’s conduct included attempted aggravated sexual abuse.

14 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

15 COUNT SIX: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law]

16 The Grand Jury also charges: T H A T

17 J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

18 defendant herein, as follows:

19 14. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by
reference.

20 15. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, on or about March 5, 2018, in the County of Fresno,
21 State and Eastern District of California, while acting under the color of law, willfully deprived S.L. of
22 her fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of
23 the United States, when he directed S.L. to remove her shirt without a legitimate law enforcement
24 purpose under the pretext of photographing S.L.’s injuries.

25 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

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COUNT SEVEN: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law]

The Grand Jury also charges: T H A T

J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

defendant herein, as follows:

16. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

17. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, on or about March 7, 2018, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of California, did, while acting under the color of law, willfully deprive S.L. of the fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when he directed S.L. to remove her shirt without a legitimate law enforcement purpose under the pretext of photographing S.L.'s injuries.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

COUNT EIGHT: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law including Attempted Aggravated Sexual Abuse]

The Grand Jury also charges: T H A T

J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

defendant herein, as follows:

18. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

19. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, on or about March 8, 2018, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of California, did, while acting under the color of law, willfully deprive S.L. of her fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when he touched S.L.'s genitalia, touched S.L.'s breast, and touched S.L.'s buttocks without her consent and without a legitimate law enforcement purpose. The defendant's conduct included attempted aggravated sexual abuse.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

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COUNT NINE: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law]

The Grand Jury also charges: T H A T

J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

defendant herein, as follows:

20. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

21. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, on or about June 23, 2021, in the Eastern District of California, did, while acting under the color of law, willfully deprive B.H. of her fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when the defendant caused B.H. to touch his penis without her consent and without a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

COUNT TEN: [18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law]

The Grand Jury also charges: T H A T

J. DESHAWN TORRENCE,

defendant herein, as follows:

20. The allegations of paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.

21. Defendant J. DESHAWN TORRENCE, on or about June 23, 2021, in the County of Fresno, State and Eastern District of California, did, while acting under the color of law, willfully deprive B.H. of her fundamental right to bodily integrity, a right secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, when put his mouth on B.H.'s breast without her consent and without a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

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1 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

2 A TRUE BILL.

3 **/s/ Signature on file w/AUSA**

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