

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

SHAWN RATIGAN,
a/k/a FATHER SHAWN RATIGAN,
[DOB: 10/17/65],

Defendant.

) No.
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) COUNT ONE:
) **Production of Child Pornography**
) 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)
) NLT 15 Years Imprisonment
) NMT 30 Years Imprisonment
) NMT \$250,000 Fine
) Supervised Release: Any term of years or Life
) Class B Felony
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) COUNT TWO:
) **Possession of Child Pornography**
) 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(4)
) NMT 10 Years Imprisonment
) NMT \$250,000 Fine
) Supervised Release: 5 Years to Life
) Class C Felony
)
) COUNT THREE:
) **Attempted Production of Child**
) **Pornography**
) 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)
) NLT 15 Years Imprisonment
) NMT 30 Years Imprisonment
) NMT \$250,000 Fine
) Supervised Release: 5 Years to Life
) Class B Felony
)
) COUNT FOUR:
) **Production of Child Pornography**
) 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)
) NLT 15 Years Imprisonment
) NMT 30 Years Imprisonment
) NMT \$250,000 Fine
) Supervised Release: Any term of years or Life
) Class B Felony
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-) COUNT FIVE:
-) **Production of Child Pornography**
-) 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)
-) NLT 15 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT 30 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT \$250,000 Fine
-) Supervised Release: Any term of years or Life
-) Class B Felony
-)
-) COUNT SIX:
-) **Attempted Production of Child**
-) **Pornography**
-) 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)
-) NLT 15 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT 30 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT \$250,000 Fine
-) Supervised Release: 5 Years to Life
-) Class B Felony
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-) COUNT SEVEN:
-) **Attempted Production of Child**
-) **Pornography**
-) 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)
-) NLT 15 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT 30 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT \$250,000 Fine
-) Supervised Release: 5 Years to Life
-) Class B Felony
-)
-) COUNT EIGHT:
-) **Production of Child Pornography**
-) 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)
-) NLT 15 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT 30 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT \$250,000 Fine
-) Supervised Release: 5 Years to Life
-) Class B Felony
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) COUNT NINE:
) **Attempted Production of Child**
) **Pornography**
) 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)
) NLT 15 Years Imprisonment
) NMT 30 Years Imprisonment
) NMT \$250,000 Fine
) Supervised Release: 5 Years to Life
) Class B Felony
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) COUNT TEN:
) **Production of Child Pornography**
) 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)
) NLT 15 Years Imprisonment
) NMT 30 Years Imprisonment
) NMT \$250,000 Fine
) Supervised Release: 5 Years to Life
) Class B Felony
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) COUNT ELEVEN:
) **Attempted Production of Child**
) **Pornography**
) 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)
) NLT 15 Years Imprisonment
) NMT 30 Years Imprisonment
) NMT \$250,000 Fine
) Supervised Release: 5 Years to Life
) Class B Felony
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) COUNT TWELVE:
) **Production of Child Pornography**
) 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)
) NLT 15 Years Imprisonment
) NMT 30 Years Imprisonment
) NMT \$250,000 Fine
) Supervised Release: 5 Years to Life
) Class B Felony
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-) COUNT THIRTEEN:
-) **Possession of Child Pornography**
-) 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(4)
-) NMT 10 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT \$250,000 Fine
-) Supervised Release: 5 Years to Life
-) Class C Felony
-)
-) \$100 Mandatory Special Assessment
-) Each Count

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

COUNT ONE

Between or about June 11, 2005 and June 12, 2005, the dates being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri and elsewhere, SHAWN RATIGAN, a/k/a FATHER SHAWN RATIGAN, defendant herein, knowingly used a minor, six-year-old Jane Doe #1, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, that is, an image from a vantage point between the child's legs as she was lying down, with her panties pulled aside, and focusing almost exclusively on the child's naked vagina and pubic area; and the defendant knew or had reason to know that the visual depiction would be transported in interstate commerce; and the visual depiction actually has been transported in interstate commerce; and the visual depiction was produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a).

COUNT TWO

On or about December 14, 2010, the date being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, that is, while he resided in St. Patrick's Parish, Kansas City, Missouri, and two days before

the laptop computer in question was turned over to agents for the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, SHAWN RATIGAN, a/k/a FATHER SHAWN RATIGAN, defendant herein, knowingly possessed one (1) or more matters, that is a laptop computer, which contained visual depictions, including the full-frontal naked genital shot of Jane Doe #1 referred to in Count One above, that had been shipped and transported using any means or facility of interstate or foreign commerce, and in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce by any means, including by computer; and which were produced using materials which had been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means including by computer; and the production of the visual depictions involved the use of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and were visual depictions of such conduct, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4).

COUNT THREE

On or about April 24, 2011, the date being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, that is, on the grounds of the Vincentian Mission House in Independence, Missouri, SHAWN RATIGAN, a/k/a FATHER SHAWN RATIGAN, defendant herein, knowingly attempted to use a minor, Jane Doe #1, who was twelve years of age at the time, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, that is, from an angle shooting up between her legs as she was standing, the defendant surreptitiously took close-up shots of the crotch area of Jane Doe #1's shorts; and the visual depictions of these attempts were produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a).

COUNT FOUR

On or about May 17, 2006, the date being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, that is, in the buildings of St. Joseph's Church, Easton, Missouri, SHAWN RATIGAN, a/k/a FATHER SHAWN RATIGAN, defendant herein, knowingly used a minor, that is, two-year-old Jane Doe #2, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of such conduct, that is, taking pictures of her naked vagina and labia; and the visual depictions were produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a).

COUNT FIVE

Between on or about May 22, 2006 and May 31, 2006, the dates being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, that is, in the choir loft of St. Joseph's Church, Easton, Missouri, SHAWN RATIGAN, a/k/a FATHER SHAWN RATIGAN, defendant herein, knowingly used a minor, that is, two-year-old Jane Doe #2, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of such conduct, that is, taking pictures of her naked vagina and pubic region; and the visual depictions were produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a).

COUNT SIX

On or about June 3, 2009, the date being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, SHAWN RATIGAN, a/k/a FATHER SHAWN RATIGAN, defendant herein, knowingly attempted to use a minor, that is, Jane Doe #2, who was five-years-old at the time, to engage in sexually explicit

conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, that is, the defendant took close-up shots of her pubic area underneath her skirt; and the visual depictions of these attempts were produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a).

COUNT SEVEN

Between on or about June 12, 2009 and June 15, 2009, the dates being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, that is, on the steps in front of St. Joseph's Church in Easton, Missouri, SHAWN RATIGAN, a/k/a FATHER SHAWN RATIGAN, defendant herein, knowingly attempted to use a minor, that is, Jane Doe #2, who was five-years-old at the time, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, that is, the defendant took at least forty (40) close-up shots of the crotch area of her shorts underneath her skirt; and the visual depictions of these attempts were produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a).

COUNT EIGHT

Between September 1, 2007, and November 1, 2007, the dates being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, SHAWN RATIGAN, a/k/a FATHER SHAWN RATIGAN, defendant herein, knowingly used a minor, that is, five-year-old Jane Doe #3, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of such conduct, that is, taking pictures of her naked vagina and pubic region while pulling aside her thigh to expose her labia and spreading her labia to open her vagina for the pictures; and the visual depictions were produced using materials that

had been mailed, shipped, and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a).

COUNT NINE

Between on or about March 1 and March 31, 2008, the dates being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, SHAWN RATIGAN, a/k/a FATHER SHAWN RATIGAN, defendant herein, knowingly attempted to use a minor, that is, five-year-old Jane Doe #3, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, that is, while the child was sleeping, the defendant took close-up shots of her pubic area while trying to pull down her pants; and the visual depictions of these attempts were produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a).

COUNT TEN

Between on or about April 9, 2008 and April 5, 2010, the dates being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, SHAWN RATIGAN, a/k/a FATHER SHAWN RATIGAN, defendant herein, knowingly used a minor, that is, six or seven-year-old Jane Doe #3, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of such conduct, that is, taking pictures of her exposed vagina and pubic region; and the visual depictions were produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a).

COUNT ELEVEN

On or about July 6, 2009, the date being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, SHAWN RATIGAN, a/k/a FATHER SHAWN RATIGAN, defendant herein, knowingly attempted to use a minor, that is, seven-year-old Jane Doe #4, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, that is, without her knowledge the defendant took close-up shots of the crotch area of her bathing suit; and the visual depictions of these attempts were produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a).

COUNT TWELVE

Between on or about August 1, 2008, and September 1, 2009, the dates being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri and elsewhere, SHAWN RATIGAN, a/k/a FATHER SHAWN RATIGAN, defendant herein, knowingly used a minor, that is, Jane Doe #5, who was eight and nine years of age in this time period, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of such conduct, that is, the defendant pulled down her pants while she was sleeping and took pictures of her naked labia and pubic region; and the defendant knew or had reason to know that the visual depictions would be transported in interstate commerce; and the visual depictions actually have been transported in interstate commerce; and the visual depictions were produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a).

COUNT THIRTEEN

Between on or about January 1, 2011, and January 15, 2011, the dates being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, SHAWN RATIGAN, a/k/a FATHER SHAWN RATIGAN, defendant herein, knowingly possessed one (1) or more matters, including a Rocketfish RF-HD25 external hard drive, which contained visual depictions that had been shipped and transported using any means or facility of interstate or foreign commerce and in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce by any means including by computer, and which were produced using materials which had been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means including by computer; and the production of the visual depictions involved the use of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and were visual depictions of such conduct, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4).

A TRUE BILL.

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