

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Rhode Island

United States of America

v.

STEPHEN HICKEY, DOB 1953, WARWICK, RI

Defendant

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Case No.

1-13MJ69A

ARREST WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay

(name of person to be arrested) STEPHEN HICKEY,

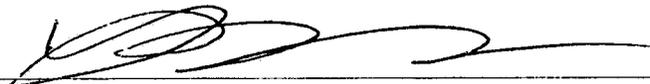
who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following document filed with the court:

- Indictment
 Superseding Indictment
 Information
 Superseding Information
 Complaint
 Probation Violation Petition
 Supervised Release Violation Petition
 Violation Notice
 Order of the Court

This offense is briefly described as follows:

Possession of Child Pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 2252(a)(4)(B).

Date: 2/14/13



Issuing officer's signature

City and state: Providence, RI

LINCOLN D. ALMOND, U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Printed name and title

Return

This warrant was received on (date) _____, and the person was arrested on (date) _____
at (city and state) _____.

Date: _____

Arresting officer's signature

Printed name and title

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CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date of 02/14/2013 in the county of in the District of Rhode Island, the defendant violated 18 U. S. C. § 2252 (a) (4) (B), an offense described as follows: Possession of Child Pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 2252(a)(4)(B)

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached Affidavit of Michael J. Connelly, United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS)

Continued on the attached sheet.

Complainant's signature
MICHAEL J. CONNELLY, POSTAL INSPECTOR
Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 2/14/13

Judge's signature

City and state: Providence, Rhode Island

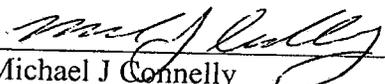
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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

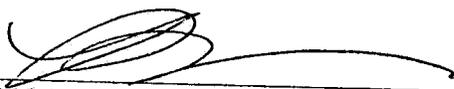
I, Michael J. Connelly, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

1. I am an Inspector with the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) assigned to the Boston Division, in Boston, MA, having been so employed since 2007. As a Postal Inspector, I am responsible for the investigation of federal offenses involving the transportation, distribution, receipt, and sale of child pornography through United States mail in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252 and 2252A. I have completed the USPIS Basic Inspector Training (BIT) program in Potomac, MD and have conducted and assisted in numerous investigations into the violation of both state and federal laws including mail & wire fraud, identity theft, and, child pornography. I am also an affiliate member of the Rhode Island Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Taskforce and routinely work with agents, troopers, and officers with dozens of years of experience investigating crimes involving the sexual exploitation of children. I have received training in the investigation of crimes involving the sexual exploitation of children by attending both seminars and courses. I have investigated child pornography cases and related sexual offenses on a full time basis since approximately May 2011.
2. This affidavit is submitted in support of a criminal complaint charging Stephen HICKEY, of Warwick, RI, with violation of 18 U.S.C. 2252 (a)(4)(B) (Possession of Child Pornography). HICKEY is a teacher at Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School in Franklin, Massachusetts.
3. The statements in this affidavit are based on my investigation of this matter. Since this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing a criminal complaint and arrest warrant, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation. I have set forth the facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause for issuance of a criminal complaint charging HICKEY with Possession of Child Pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 2252(a)(4)(B).
4. On February 13, 2013, the United States applied for and obtained a search warrant for the residence of HICKEY, in Warwick, RI. The affidavit accompanying the search warrant application detailed evidence that HICKEY had received images of child pornography on dvd's and through the internet from an international company (hereafter "the International Company").
5. On February 14, 2013, pursuant to the authorized search warrant, I and other law enforcement personnel including members of the Rhode Island Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Taskforce, completed a search of HICKEY's residence in Warwick, RI. During the search officers encountered HICKEY. He was advised of his constitutional rights and agreed to be interviewed.

6. HICKEY advised law enforcement that he had in fact ordered and received dvds and electronic downloads from the International Company which contained images of nude male children between the ages of eleven and sixteen. HICKEY further advised that he recently learned of the arrest of another individual who ordered the dvds containing child pornography from the International Company and that he had therefore destroyed the dvds. HICKEY admitted, however, to having viewed these dvds and that they contained images of nude children. Shipping records reviewed by the undersigned confirm that HICKEY did, in fact, receive these dvds from the International Company. These shipping records identify the titles of the dvds received by HICKEY. The undersigned has reviewed copies of the same-titled videos received by HICKEY, each of which contain images involving the lascivious exhibition of genitals of children.
7. An initial forensic review of one of HICKEY's computers revealed downloads originating from the International Company. An initial review of these downloads revealed that they also contained images involving the lascivious exhibition of genitals of children. HICKEY admitted to having received and viewed these downloads from the International Company.
8. Based on the above information and your affiant's training and experience, your affiant respectfully submits that there is probable cause to arrest Stephen HICKEY of Warwick, RI for knowingly possessing, on February 14, 2013, one or more books, films, video tapes or other matter which contain any visual depiction that has been mailed or shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce involving the use of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct (i.e., the graphic lascivious exhibition of the genitals or pubic area), in violation of 18 U.S.C. 2252 (a)(4)(B).


Michael J Connelly
United States Postal Inspector

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN
before me this 14th day of February 2013


LINCOLN D. ALMOND
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE