

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Holding a Criminal Term

Grand Jury Sworn in on November 9, 2023

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO.
	:	
v.	:	GRAND JURY ORIGINAL
	:	
MATTHEW NORMAN BALLEK,	:	18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(2), (b)(1)
	:	(Distribution of Child Pornography)
Defendant.	:	
	:	FORFEITURE:
	:	18 U.S.C. § 2253;
	:	21 U.S.C. § 853(p)

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT ONE

Case: 1:24-cr-00061
Assigned To : Walton, Reggie B.
Assign. Date : 2/1/2024
Description: INDICTMENT (B)

On or about January 23, 2024, within the District of Columbia, the defendant, **MATTHEW NORMAN BALLEK**, did knowingly distribute and attempt to distribute one or more visual depictions using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, and which visual depictions had been shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, and which contained materials which had been so shipped and transported, by any means, including by computer; and the production of such visual depictions involved the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and the visual depictions were of such conduct, to wit: three digital videos depicting adult males engaging in sexually explicit conduct with minors, distributed via a social media communication platform, Telegram.

(Distribution of Child Pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(2) and (b)(1))

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

1. The United States hereby gives notice to the defendant, **MATTHEW NORMAN BALLEK**, that upon his conviction of the offense charged in Count One of this Indictment, the government will seek forfeiture, in accordance with Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253(a), of (a) any visual depiction described in Section 2251, 2251A, 2252A, 2252B, or 2260 of Title 18, United States Code, or any book, magazine, periodical, film, videotape, or other matter which contains any such visual depiction, which was produced, transported, mailed, shipped, or received in violation of such sections; (b) any property, real or personal, constituting or traceable to gross profits or other proceeds obtained from such offenses; and (c) any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used to commit or promote the commission of such offenses or any property traceable to such property.

2. If any of the property described above as being subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property that cannot be divided without difficulty;

the defendant shall forfeit to the United States any other property of the defendant, up to the value of the property described above, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as

incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253(b).

(**Criminal Forfeiture**, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253, and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p))

A TRUE BILL

FOREPERSON

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew M. Green / 10/22".

Attorney of the United States
and for the District of Columbia