

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
District of Columbia

United States of America
v.
PRASAN NEPAL, aka "TRIPPY,"
[REDACTED]
and
LEONIDAS VARAGIANNIS, aka "WAR,"
[REDACTED]

Defendant(s)

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) **Case: 1:25-mj-00061**
) **Assigned To : Faruqui, Zia M.**
) **Assign. Date : 4/15/2025**
) **Description: COMPLAINT W/ARREST WARRANT**
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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(s) of January 01, 2021 to the Present in the county of _____ in the
_____ District of Columbia, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section
18 U.S.C. § 2252A(g)

Offense Description
(Child Exploitation Enterprise)

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.


Complainant's signature

Andrew Rust, Special Agent

Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by
Telephone (specify reliable electronic means).

Date: 04/15/2025

Judge's signature

City and state: Washington, DC

U.S. Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqui

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UNDER SEAL

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF A
CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AND ARREST WARRANT

I, Andrew Rust, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND AFFIANT BACKGROUND

1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”). I have been so employed since December 2022. I am currently assigned to the Washington Field Office investigating matters involving Counterterrorism and Nihilistic Violent Extremism (“NVE”). As a Special Agent with the FBI, I am authorized to investigate violations of the laws of the United States and to execute warrants issued under the authority of the United States.

2. I have gained experience through training with the FBI and in everyday work related to conducting these types of investigations. During my career as a Special Agent, I have (a) conducted physical and wire surveillance; (b) participated in the execution of search warrants and arrest warrants for various crimes; (c) reviewed and analyzed numerous recorded conversations and other documentation of criminal activity; (d) interviewed confidential human sources, subjects and victims; and (e) monitored wiretapped conversations of individuals engaged in various crimes. I have participated in investigations involving computer-related offenses and have executed

numerous search warrants, including those involving searches and seizures of computers, digital media, software, and electronically stored information. As part of my duties as a Special Agent, I investigate federal criminal offenses, including the sexual exploitation of children and the distribution of child pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2251, 2252, and 2252A.

3. I respectfully submit that there is probable to believe that the defendants have committed violations of Title 18, United States Code, specifically violations of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(g) (Child Exploitation Enterprise, hereafter “SUBJECT OFFENSE”).

4. I have been personally involved in the investigation of this matter. I am familiar with the information contained in this Affidavit based on my participation in the investigation, my review of documents and other evidence, my conversations with other law enforcement officers, and my training and experience. Because this Affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause to arrest the defendants, I have not included the details of every aspect of the investigation. Where actions, conversations, and statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and in part, except where otherwise indicated.

PROBABLE CAUSE

The Child Exploitation Enterprise

5. Defendants NEPAL, aka “Trippy,” and VARAGIANNIS, aka “War,” the defendants herein, did knowingly engage in a child exploitation enterprise, that is NEPAL and VARAGIANNIS were among the leaders of the NVE group “764,”¹ the purpose of which was, among other things, to exploit vulnerable children online, including by facilitating and directing

¹ 764 is a network of NVEs who engage in criminal conduct within the United States and abroad. The 764 network’s accelerationist goals include social unrest and the downfall of the current world order, including the United States Government. Members of 764 work in concert with one another towards a common purpose of destroying civilized society through the corruption and exploitation of vulnerable populations, including minors.

the production, distribution, and receipt of child pornography, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8). In doing so, the defendants violated Chapter 110 of Title 18 of the United States Code, as part of a series of felony violations constituting three or more separate incidents and involving more than one minor victim, which offenses are described below and committed those offenses in concert with three or more other persons. 764 operated throughout the world, including in the District of Columbia.

6. Certain 764 members, including the defendants and several co-conspirators, coordinated their conduct through various internet-based groups and channels, including a private group on an encrypted messaging application (“Platform A”) known as “764 Inferno.”² Access to 764 Inferno was reserved for the inner core of 764 members who had been invited by the leaders of 764, including Defendants NEPAL and VARAGIANNIS, and Co-Conspirator 1, a 764 member who was known by the moniker “Fail.”

Means and Methods of the 764 Child Exploitation Enterprise

7. Among the means and methods by which Defendants NEPAL and VARAGIANNIS and other 764 co-conspirators conducted the affairs of the 764 Child Exploitation Enterprise, were the following:

- a. Members of 764, both individually and as a group, methodically targeted vulnerable populations, including minor girls with mental health challenges, and attempted to socially engineer them, gain their trust, and then groom them

² References throughout this affidavit to “764” refer to the larger 764 group, which includes leaders and members associated with various internet-based groups and channels. References throughout this affidavit to “764 Inferno” refer only to the 764 Inferno channel hosted on an encrypted messaging application.

to share private information and intimate visual depictions of themselves engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

- b. Armed with this private information and intimate images of their victims, 764 members would then use this material to coerce victims into providing more extreme and degrading content, such as images of the victims cutting the names of 764 members into their bodies, setting themselves on fire, abusing their pets or siblings, and even suicide.
- c. The 764 members would then compile the material that they obtained from their victims into edited “Lorebooks” that they would then share within 764 channels.
- d. In their leadership roles, Defendants NEPAL and VARAGIANNIS recruited prospective 764 members based on the quality and notoriety of the content they produced and posted online.
- e. Content, including Lorebooks containing child pornography, served as valuable currency within the 764 criminal enterprise. The content generated and shared by 764 members through the extortion and sexual exploitation of vulnerable minor victims not only resulted in the individual 764 members earning invitations to join 764 Inferno and 764’s inner core, and maintaining and increasing their position in the group, but the content also served the ends of the 764 enterprise itself by gaining more attention and notoriety for the group and attracting more prospective recruits to join, thereby furthering the goals of 764 by spreading the group’s NVE ideology.

- f. After 764 members created and shared their content, the material was often stored in online “vaults” managed by designated 764 members who agreed to preserve the material for other members if they were “fedded,” i.e. arrested or otherwise disrupted by law enforcement.
- g. Members of 764 have also engaged in acts of real-world violence, such as destroying property, spray-painting 764 monikers and iconography on public buildings, physical abuse of animals, and physical assaults on people, including stabbings and attempted murder.

8. The group has shifted names over time and spawned known offshoot groups. Although the group moves between social media channels and changes its name, the core members, methods, and goals of the group remain consistent and appear under the overarching threat of 764.

Defendants Background in 764

9. Defendant NEPAL has been involved with 764 since the group’s inception, in or around late 2020 or early 2021, and was present in the group with its founder, Individual 1.³ After Individual 1 was arrested on or about August 25, 2021,⁴ NEPAL emerged as a leader of 764, and has remained in this position to this day. In his capacity as a member and leader of 764, NEPAL has used many online monikers, including, “Leather Jacket,” “Rebirth,” and “KingKrampus,” but he was most widely known in 764 Inferno as “Trippy.”

³ Artifacts found in Individual 1’s phone after his arrest include iMessages from July 1, 2021, between himself and NEPAL, in which the two discuss founding 764 together. Individual 1 is currently serving an 80-year sentence for Possession with the Intent to Promote Child Pornography, in violation of Texas Penal Code sec. 43.26.

10. Defendant VARAGIANNIS joined 764 in or around December 2023 and used monikers including, “mercyisweak,” “mercyisweak2,” and “sinisterfuck,” but was commonly known within 764 Inferno as “War.” VARAGIANNIS is a United States citizen. Throughout his participation in the 764 Child Exploitation Enterprise, VARAGIANNIS resided in Greece.

11. Defendants NEPAL and VARAGIANNIS were leaders of 764, and specifically were leaders of 764 Inferno. 764 Inferno leadership, including the defendants, conspired with group members to create and distribute images of the exploitation of minors. These images depicted both the sexual exploitation of minors as well as images depicting self-mutilation. The defendants controlled membership in and access to the group. The defendants posted instructions to group members regarding methods they should employ to exploit vulnerable minor children. The defendants also interacted with group members by commenting on the exploitation material they posted. 764 relied on members recruiting other members into the group in order to generate additional content, including child exploitation content, that could be distributed in the group.

12. From its inception, 764’s tactics have included the production, distribution, and receipt of child pornography. As described above, Child Sexual Abuse Material (“CSAM”) was often included in Lorebooks, which were shared widely in 764 channels and used to recruit and promote members and to gain attention for the group. These tactics were utilized within 764 as recently as 2024, while Defendants NEPAL and VARAGIANNIS were leaders of 764 and administrators of Inferno, as described herein.

13. Defendant NEPAL himself directly engaged in the receipt and distribution of CSAM. For example, on July 10, 2019, NEPAL stated in a conversation on Snapchat, “I got cp if

u wanna see it ... child porn ... I'll send it." On or about July 21, 2019, NEPAL stated further, "Nigga I got cp... I got child porn... if you wanna see it... I got child porn."⁵

14. After early 764 leaders were arrested and convicted of criminal offenses involving the production and distribution of child pornography, Defendant NEPAL began to make statements within 764 channels purporting to discourage tactics involving the production and distribution of CSAM, in order to avoid the attention of law enforcement.

15. On May 27, 2024, a member of Inferno posted an image of fully naked, girl who appeared to be a teenager, with the words "SKVLL IS EVIL" written on her naked. NEPAL responded, "Yes," "But I have to blur my vision cause that's a little girl."

16. That same day, May 27, 2024, NEPAL posted step-by-step instructions on how to groom and extort a potential victim, stating:

"go to Reddit"
 "or Twitter"
 "self harm community and speak with a girl like it's a normal friend"
 "then seduce her with how much you love how she cuts."

17. On August 28, 2024, Defendant VARAGIANNIS posted a list of purported rules for 764 Inferno, which included the admonition, "no pedophilia." Despite this statement, Defendants NEPAL and VARGIANNIS never removed links to Lorebooks containing CSAM and did not remove 764 Inferno members who posted this material. NEPAL explained on or about September 30, 2024, "we're not anti-extortion," "I'd rather have extortions continue than stop generally because it does in a way promote harm and teaches cringey e girls lessons."

18. Beginning in or around at least January 2024 and continuing through in or around March 2025, in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, Defendants NEPAL and VARAGIANNIS,

⁵ All messages are reproduced as they were found; typographical and grammatical errors are in the original. Your affiant understands that "cp" refers to child pornography.

in concert with Co-Conspirators 1-6, knowingly and willfully engaged in a child exploitation enterprise, that is, the commission of a series of felony violations enumerated in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(g)(2), constituting at least three separate incidents involving more than one victim. In furtherance of the defendants' child exploitation enterprise, the defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a series of child exploitation offenses, including Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Child, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a); Coercion and Enticement of a Minor and Conspiracy to Commit Coercion and Enticement of a Minor, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 2422(b); and Conspiracy to Distribute or Receive Child Pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(2), all Chapter 110 offenses. The felony violations committed by the defendants in concert with one another and with Co-Conspirators 1-6 are enumerated below.

Defendant's Co-Conspirators

19. While Defendants NEPAL and VARAGIANNIS were leading 764 Inferno, they conspired with and directed others within 764 Inferno to commit crimes in further of the 764 criminal enterprise. These co-conspirators included, but were not limited to:⁶

- Co-Conspirator 1 aka "Fail,"
- Co-Conspirator 2 aka "Slain,"
- Co-Conspirator 3 aka "Axx,"
- Co-Conspirator 4 aka "Praise," and
- Co-Conspirator 5 aka "Kills."

In addition to Co-Conspirators 1-5 listed above, who were members of 764 Inferno during the time that Defendants NEPAL and VARAGIANNIS led and managed the 764 criminal enterprise, prospective 764 member "Xallox" ("Co-Conspirator 6"), performed an overt act of the conspiracy by storing 764-related content belonging to Co-Conspirator 5 on his digital devices in the District

⁶⁶ Each co-conspirator is identified by the moniker they used within 764 Inferno. These monikers have been attributed to three or more identified individuals.

of Columbia. This stored content, which was located on digital devices seized from Co-Conspirator 6 during the execution of a search warrant on March 19, 2025, included images of what appeared to be “764 Kills” written in red on a wall. In addition, there was another video found in Co-Conspirator 6’s phone that depicted a minor teenage girl standing topless with her breasts exposed and talking to someone on a live chat while she poured bleach on her arm and set her arm on fire. The minor depicted in the video has been identified by the FBI as Minor Victim 1.

Defendants Control and Leadership of 764

20. Defendants NEPAL and VARAGIANNIS have acted as leaders of 764, including by directing and controlling the recruitment of 764 members and by performing the roles of owner and/or administrator of 764 Inferno. Defendants NEPAL and VARAGIANNIS, along with Co-Conspirator 1, controlled recruitment by exercising the power to include or exclude prospective 764 members who sought entry in the group. To be recruited to 764, or invited to the 764 Inferno, Defendants NEPAL and VARAGIANNIS required prospective members to produce and share content, which often included visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct or self-harm.

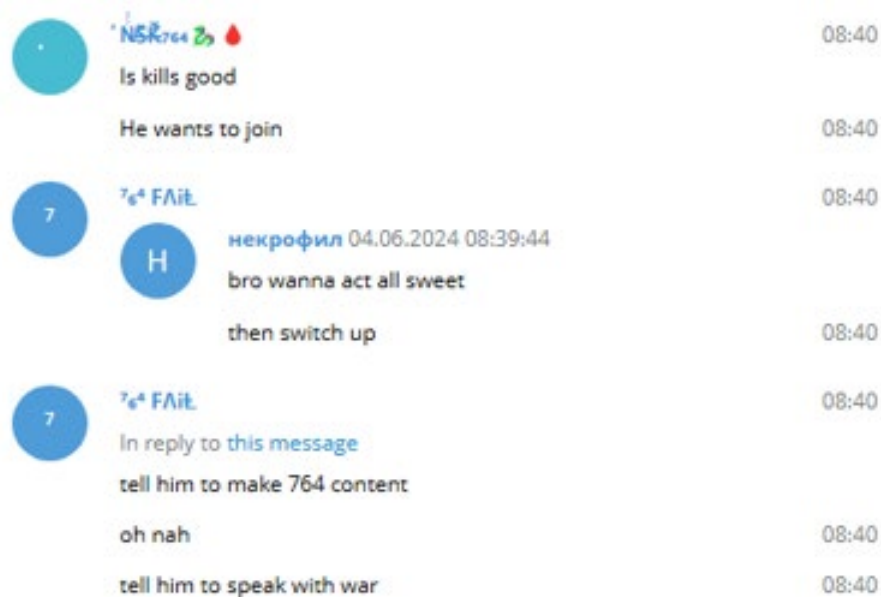
21. On or about June 5, 2024, while Defendants NEPAL and VARAGIANNIS were leading and managing 764, Co-Conspirator 5 expressed his desire to be recruited into 764. He contacted Co-Conspirator 2, writing, “yo lemme get recruited back to 764.” Co-Conspirator 5 offered to produce “blood content” and claimed that he had “sluts lined up that’ll do anything for me.” Defendant VARAGIANNIS and Co-Conspirators 2, 3, and 4, discussed whether Co-Conspirator 5’s content was good enough to allow him to join 764. Defendant VARAGIANNIS complimented Co-Conspirator 5’s content, noting that he “already got a bitch to suicide for 764.”

Referring to the video of the purported suicide produced and shared by Co-Conspirator 5, Defendant VARAGIANNIS added, “the ending was funny. When she fell over lmao.”

22. On or about June 25, 2024, Defendant NEPAL asked Co-Conspirator 3, “who do you want me to recruit?” Co-Conspirator 3 responded, “Browser, auroa and kills,” referring to Co-Conspirator 5. Defendant NEPAL replied, “we won’t recruit them unless they do some crazy shit.”

23. In further communications about Co-Conspirator 5 joining 764, another 764 member posted, “is KILLS good?” and “He wants to join.” In response, Co-Conspirator 1 instructed the other member to ask Co-Conspirator 5 to “make 764 content,” but later responded, “oh nah tell him to speak with war,” referring to Defendant VARAGIANNIS. *See* Figure No. 1 below. The other 764 member responded, “KILLS is cool in my opinion” and shared a video with 764 Inferno, which shows what appears to be a young girl with blood on her abdomen. The video then moved up her body and shows what appears to be the word “Kills” in a red substance consistent with blood.

Figure 1



24. On or about July 4, 2024, Co-Conspirator 5 joined 764 Inferno. After joining the group, Co-Conspirator 5 posted several screenshots of his computer screen, which revealed a folder in the computer downloads with the title “Nudes,” which included images or videos depicting what appeared to be naked teenage girls exposing their bare breasts and bare vaginas. Some of the girls have what appears to be names of 764 members written on their chests. In response to comments about the content that he posted, Co-Conspirator 5 stated, “u don’t have as much cp as me tho.”

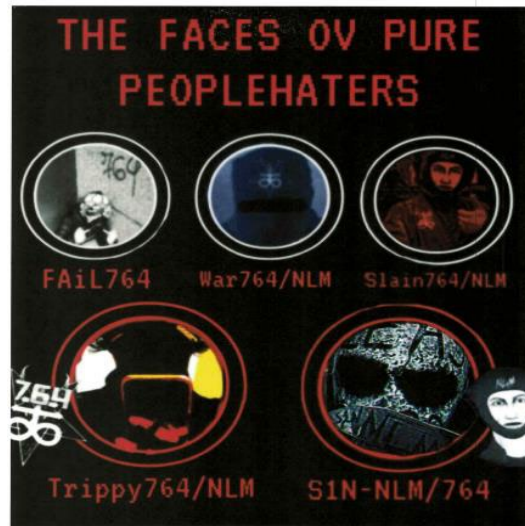
25. Defendants NEPAL and VARAGIANNIS likewise directed others to produce content for the group. For example, on or about August 26, 2024, members of 764 Inferno discussed “bringing back extortion” and that the group would have “extorters editors.” When Co-Conspirator 4 said, “lemme get in on that,” Defendant VARAGIANNIS responded, “go for it,” and explained that “only the best will get into inferno so everyone aware.” As discussed in greater detail *infra*, Co-Conspirator 4 later shared content in 764 Inferno, which included CSAM depicting Minor Victim 2 (“MV-2”).

26. On or about July 22, 2024, Defendant NEPAL removed another 764 Inferno member and stated that he would need to get “content” to join back again. In addition, on the same day Defendant NEPAL invited Co-Conspirator 2 to join 764 Inferno, Defendant NEPAL asked, “are you gonna beat some ass?” and then instructed Co-Conspirator 2 to use a weapon. Co-Conspirator 2 responded, “I’ll find sum and do it.” He then asked, “do I do a beatin tomorrow?” to which Co-Conspirator 1 responded, “yes on cam.”

27. Defendants NEPAL and VARAGIANNIS, along with Co-Conspirators 1 and 2, created a “guide” that gave prospective 764 members explicit instruction on how to create content

for the group. The guide was shared by Defendant VARAGIANNIS in a public 764 channel on Platform A on or about September 13, 2024. *See* Figure No. 2 below.

Figure 2



28. The guide specifically instructed recruits on “grooming” victims into producing content for 764, and advised members to target particularly vulnerable victims, such as individuals with depression or mental illness, and referred to these targets as “e-girls.” *See* Figure No. 3 below.

Figure 3



29. The defendants also provided instructions in the guide for “Extortion,” and advised prospective 764 members to socially engineer girls and to groom them into trusting 764 members so that they could obtain information about the victim that could then be used to force her to create “blood content.” See Figure No. 4 below.