

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** : **CRIMINAL NO.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**v.** : **DATE FILED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**NORMAN RIDGEWAY** : **VIOLATIONS:**  
: **18 U.S.C. § 2251(a) (production of child**  
: **pornography - 1 count)**  
: **18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(1) (transportation of**  
: **child pornography - 1 count)**  
: **18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(4) (possession of child**  
: **pornography - 1 count)**  
: **18 U.S.C. § 1503 (obstruction of justice -**  
: **1 count)**  
: **18 U.S.C. § 1519 (destruction of evidence**  
: **- 1 count )**  
: **18 U.S.C § 2 (aiding and abetting)**  
: **Notice of Forfeiture**

**INDICTMENT**

**COUNT ONE**

**(Production of Child Pornography)**

**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:**

From in or about January 2015 through on or about March 24, 2016, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, the defendant,

**NORMAN RIDGEWAY**

used, persuaded, induced, enticed, and coerced Minor #1, who was approximately two-to-three years old, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of such conduct, and attempted to do so, and those visual depictions were transported and transmitted by a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a).

**COUNT TWO**

**(Transportation of Child Pornography)**

**THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:**

On or about March 24, 2016, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, the defendant,

**NORMAN RIDGEWAY**

knowingly transported visual depictions using a facility of interstate commerce showing visual depictions showing Minor #1, who was approximately two-to-three years old, engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and the producing of those visual depictions involved the use of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and attempted to do so.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(1).

**COUNT THREE**

**(Possession of Child Pornography)**

**THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:**

On or about March 25, 2016, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, the defendant,

**NORMAN RIDGEWAY**

knowingly possessed a cell phone, an electronic tablet device, and an SD memory card which contained images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, the production of which involved the use of minors engaging in such conduct, that had been transported and shipped using a means or facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce. The production of some of these visual depictions involved the use of prepubescent minors and minors who had not attained 12 years of age.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4).

## **COUNT FOUR**

### **(Destruction of Evidence)**

#### **THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:**

1. On or about March 25, 2016, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) executed a search warrant issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on defendant NORMAN RIDGEWAY’s residence in Croydon, Pennsylvania.

2. As FBI agents conducted the search warrant, defendant NORMAN RIDGEWAY arrived at the residence, driving a tow truck. Defendant NORMAN RIDGEWAY observed law enforcement officers stationed outside of his residence, and then fled from them by driving the tow truck away at a high rate of speed.

3. As he fled from the law enforcement officers, defendant NORMAN RIDGEWAY “wiped” his personal cell phone by resetting it to factory settings, in an effort to alter, destroy, and conceal evidence of child pornography and child pornography-related activities that were stored on his personal cell phone.

4. On or about March 25, 2016, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, the defendant,

#### **NORMAN RIDGEWAY**

knowingly altered, destroyed, concealed, and covered up a tangible object, that is, the contents of a cell phone, with the intent to impede, obstruct, and influence the investigation and proper administration of a matter within the jurisdiction of the United States, that is, the investigation resulting in the charges listed in Counts One through Three of this Indictment.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1519.

**COUNT FIVE**

**(Obstruction of Justice)**

**THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:**

1. On or about April 5, 2016, defendant NORMAN RIDGEWAY made a telephone call to J.W. (a person known to the Grand Jury).
2. In the call, defendant NORMAN RIDGEWAY instructed and commanded J.W. to locate, obtain, and destroy an SD memory card contained in defendant NORMAN RIDGEWAY's wallet, the SD memory card containing child pornography, that is, visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, the production of which involved the use of minors engaging in such conduct, that had been transported and shipped using a means or facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce.
3. Defendant NORMAN RIDGEWAY instructed and commanded J.W. to locate, obtain, and destroy the SD memory card so as to keep the SD memory card, and its contents, from the FBI and the federal grand jury.
4. On or about April 5, 2016, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, the defendant,

**NORMAN RIDGEWAY**

corruptly influenced, obstructed, and impeded, and endeavored to influence, obstruct, and impede, the due and proper administration of the law, and aided and abetted and willfully caused the same, that is, the criminal investigation by the FBI and a pending federal grand jury investigation, resulting in the charges listed in Counts One through Three of this Indictment, by knowingly commanding and instructing J.W. to locate, obtain, and destroy an SD memory card contained in defendant NORMAN RIDGEWAY's wallet.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1503 and 2.

**NOTICE OF FORFEITURE**

**THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:**

1. As a result of the violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251(a), 2252(a)(1), and 2252(a)(4), as set forth in this indictment, defendant

**NORMAN RIDGEWAY**

shall forfeit to the United States of America:

(a) any visual depiction, or any film, videotape, or other matter which contains any child pornography, which was produced, transported, mailed, shipped, or received as a result of such violations as charged in the indictment;

(b) any property, real or personal, constituting or traceable to gross profits or other proceeds obtained from such violations; and

(c) any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the commission of such violations including, but not limited to, items seized from the person, vehicle, and house of Norman Ridgeway as follows:

- i. Black RCA tablet, FCC ID A2HRC76773W22, with a purple case;
- ii. Black Verizon tablet, Model QMV7A, FCC ID HFS-QMV7A
- iii. HP Laptop Computer, s/n: FCD21438XD
- iv. Motorola Droid Mini cell phone, s/n 714037500
- v. Tracfone LG phone, bearing IMEI 354055-07-220918-8, s/n 511CYRN220918
- vi. Kyocera cell phone bearing IMEI 014289002474693

- vii. LG cellular telephone, blue case on rear, cracked front screen, s/n 508CYMR0579035.
- viii. Transcend MicroSD card adapter;
- ix. MicroSD HC 4GB memory card.

2. If any of the property 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 which cannot be divided without difficulty;

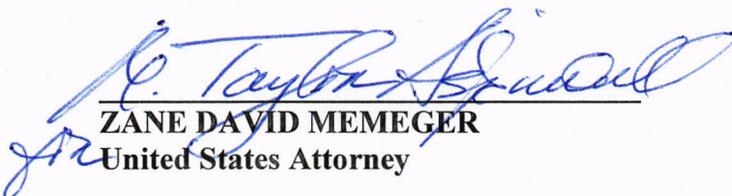
it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253(b), incorporating Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant(s) up to the value of the property subject to forfeiture.

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253.

**A TRUE BILL:**

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**GRAND JURY FOREPERSON**

  
**ZANE DAVID MEMEGER**  
United States Attorney