

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	Criminal No. 19cr10108
	)	
v.	)	Violations:
	)	
ERIC TRAN THAI,	)	<u>Counts One Through Four:</u>
	)	Sexual Exploitation of Children
Defendant	)	(18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a) and (e))
	)	
	)	<u>Forfeiture Allegation:</u>
	)	(18 U.S.C. § 2253)
	)	

INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE

Sexual Exploitation of Children  
(18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a) and (e))

The Grand Jury charges:

On or about May 3, 2017, in the District of Massachusetts, the defendant,

ERIC TRAN THAI,

did knowingly employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a minor, "Minor 1," to engage in any sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing any visual depiction of such conduct and the visual depiction was produced and transmitted using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, and attempted to do so.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251(a) and (e).

COUNT TWO  
Sexual Exploitation of Children  
(18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a) and (e))

The Grand Jury further charges:

On or about September 15, 2017, in the District of Massachusetts, the defendant,

ERIC TRAN THAI,

did knowingly employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a minor, "Minor 2," to engage in any sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing any visual depiction of such conduct and the visual depiction was produced and transmitted using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, and attempted to do so.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251(a) and (e).

COUNT THREE  
Sexual Exploitation of Children  
(18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a) and (e))

The Grand Jury further charges:

On or about September 29, 2017, in the District of Massachusetts, the defendant,

ERIC TRAN THAI,

did knowingly employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a minor, "Minor 3," to engage in any sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing any visual depiction of such conduct and the visual depiction was produced and transmitted using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, and attempted to do so.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251(a) and (e).

COUNT FOUR  
Sexual Exploitation of Children  
(18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a) and (e))

The Grand Jury further charges:

On or about November 6, 2017, in the District of Massachusetts, the defendant,

ERIC TRAN THAI,

did knowingly employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a minor, “Minor 4,” to engage in any sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing any visual depiction of such conduct and the visual depiction was produced and transmitted using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, and attempted to do so.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251(a) and (e).

CHILD EXPLOITATION FORFEITURE ALLEGATION  
(18 U.S.C. § 2253)

1. Upon conviction of one or more of the offenses in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251(a) and (e), set forth in Counts One through Five of this Indictment, the defendant,

ERIC TRAN THAI,

shall forfeit to the United States of America, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253, (i) any visual depiction described in sections 2251, 2251A, 2252, 2252A, 2252B, or 2260 of Chapter 110 of Title 18, 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 Chapter 110 of Title 18; (ii) any property, real or personal, constituting or traceable to gross profits or other proceeds obtained from such offenses; and (iii) any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the commission of such offenses or any property traceable to such property.

2. If any of the property described in Paragraph 1, above, as being forfeitable pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253, 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 intention of the United States of America, 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 up to the value of the property described in Paragraph 1 above.

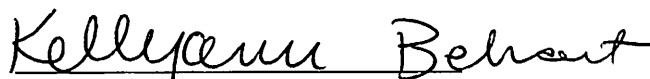
All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253.

A TRUE BILL

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
FOREPERSON

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
ANNE PARUTI  
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

District of Massachusetts: MARCH 28, 2019  
Returned into the District Court by the Grand Jurors and filed.

  
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3/28/19 @ 12:15pm

**Criminal Case Cover Sheet**

**U.S. District Court - District of Massachusetts**

Place of Offense: \_\_\_\_\_ Category No. II Investigating Agency FBI

City Boston

**Related Case Information:**

County Suffolk

Superseding Ind./ Inf. \_\_\_\_\_ Case No. 19cr10108  
Same Defendant \_\_\_\_\_ New Defendant \_\_\_\_\_  
Magistrate Judge Case Number 19-mj-6086-MPK  
Search Warrant Case Number \_\_\_\_\_  
R 20/R 40 from District of \_\_\_\_\_

**Defendant Information:**

Defendant Name Eric Tran Thai Juvenile:  Yes  No

Is this person an attorney and/or a member of any state/federal bar:  Yes  No

Alias Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (City & State) Dorchester, MA

Birth date (Yr only): 1982 SSN (last4#): 5421 Sex M Race: Asian Nationality: USA

Defense Counsel if known: Oscar Cruz Address FPD

Bar Number \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Attorney Information:**

AUSA Anne Paruti Bar Number if applicable 670356

Interpreter:  Yes  No List language and/or dialect: \_\_\_\_\_

Victims:  Yes  No If yes, are there multiple crime victims under 18 USC§3771(d)(2)  Yes  No

Matter to be SEALED:  Yes  No

Warrant Requested  Regular Process  In Custody

**Location Status:**

Arrest Date \_\_\_\_\_

Already in Federal Custody as of 03/19/2019 in USMS custody

Already in State Custody at \_\_\_\_\_  Serving Sentence  Awaiting Trial

On Pretrial Release: Ordered by: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_


Charging Document:  Complaint  Information  Indictment

Total # of Counts:  Petty \_\_\_\_\_  Misdemeanor \_\_\_\_\_  Felony 4

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I hereby certify that the case numbers of any prior proceedings before a Magistrate Judge are accurately set forth above.

Date: 03/28/2019

Signature of AUSA: 

**District Court Case Number** (To be filled in by deputy clerk): \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Defendant** Eric Tran Thai

**U.S.C. Citations**

	<u>Index Key/Code</u>	<u>Description of Offense Charged</u>	<u>Count Numbers</u>
Set 1	<u>18 U.S.C. 2251(a) and (e)</u>	<u>Sexual exploitation of children (and attempt)</u>	<u>1-4</u>
Set 2	<u>18 U.S.C. 2253</u>	<u>Forfeiture allegation</u>	<u>-</u>
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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** \_\_\_\_\_