

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Middle District of Florida

 **COPY**

United States of America)

v.)

MICHAEL DOUGLAS McNEIL)

Case No.)

3:18-mj-1301-JRK)

Defendant(s)

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 August 27-30, 2018 in the county of Clay in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Offense Description

18 U.S.C. § 2422(b)

Attempted online enticement of a minor.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

see attached affidavit.

Continued on the attached sheet.

Complainant's signature

SA Benjamin Luedke, HSI

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date:

9-5-18

City and state:

Jacksonville, Florida

Judge's signature

James R. Klindt, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT

I, Benjamin Luedke, being duly sworn, state as follows:

1. I am a Special Agent (SA) with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the investigative arm of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), formerly known as the United States Customs Service. I have been assigned to the Office of the Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Jacksonville, Florida since August 2007. Prior to that, I was assigned to the Blaine, Washington office, beginning in July of 2002. I am a law enforcement officer of the United States and am thus authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation or prosecution of violations of federal criminal law. I am responsible for enforcing federal criminal statutes under the jurisdiction of HSI, including violations of law involving the exploitation of children. I have attended the Basic Criminal Investigator School and the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Brunswick, Georgia, and I have received training in the area of Customs laws. In my capacity as a Special Agent, I have participated in numerous types of investigations, during the course of which I have conducted or participated in physical surveillance, undercover transactions and operations, historical investigations, extradition cases and other complex investigations. Prior to my employment with HSI, I worked as a federal police officer with the U.S. Capitol Police from June 2000 to March 2002. Since

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becoming a Special Agent, I have worked with experienced Special Agents and state and local law enforcement officers who also investigate child exploitation offenses.

2. I have investigated and assisted in the investigation of criminal matters involving the sexual exploitation of children that constituted violations of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251, 2252, 2252A, 2422, and 2423, as well as Florida state statutes that criminalize sexual activity with minors and other methods of child sexual exploitation. In connection with such investigations, I have served as case agent and have served as an undercover agent in online child exploitation cases. Specifically, during the course of my official duties, I have assumed the persona of a minor child or an adult relative of a minor child and engaged in online conversations with adult individuals who expressed interest in engaging in illegal sexual activity with minor children. During the course of my investigations, I have worked closely with members of the local child exploitation task force comprised of agents and officers from HSI, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO), the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office (SJSO), and the Clay County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), among other agencies. These agencies routinely share information involving the characteristics of child sex offenders as well as investigative techniques and leads. As a federal agent, I am authorized to investigate and assist in the prosecution of

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violations of laws of the United States, and to execute search warrants and arrest warrants issued by federal and state courts.

3. The statements contained in this affidavit are based on my personal knowledge, as well as on information provided to me by experienced Special Agents and other law enforcement officers and personnel. This affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause for the filing of a criminal complaint, and I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation. I have set forth only the facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause to believe that MICHAEL DOUGLAS McNEIL has committed a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b), that is, attempted online enticement of a minor.

4. I make this affidavit in support of a criminal complaint against MICHAEL DOUGLAS McNEIL, that is, during the period from on or about August 27, 2018 through on or about August 30, 2018, in the Middle District of Florida, MICHAEL DOUGLAS McNEIL, using a facility of interstate commerce, that is, by cellular telephone and computer via the internet, did knowingly and willfully attempt to persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a person whom MCNEIL believed had not reached the age of 18 years to engage in sexual activity for which a person can be charged with a criminal offense under the laws of the state of Florida, that is, the crime of lewd or lascivious battery upon a person 12 years of age or older

but less than 16 years of age, in violation of Sections 800.04(4)(a), Florida Statutes, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b).

5. On August 29, 2018, I spoke with Detective Ryan Ellis with the Clay County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, and he provided information about an ongoing investigation of MICHAEL DOUGLAS McNEIL for violations of Florida statutes involving child sexual exploitation. Detective Ellis advised that CCSO Detective Christopher Garrison was the undercover officer involved in this investigation. I know both Detective Ellis and Detective Garrison are sworn CCSO Deputy Sheriffs who are assigned to the CCSO Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, are members of the North Florida ICAC and therein conduct investigations involving internet crimes against children. The investigation resulted in the arrest of MICHAEL DOUGLAS McNEIL on August 30, 2018, in Orange Park, Clay County, Florida. I was present for and personally observed the arrest of McNEIL.

6. On August 30, 2018, I continued to discuss the details of this investigation with Detectives Garrison and Ellis. On the same day, they advised me of, in substance and among other things, the following:

a. On August 25, 2018, Detective Garrison was acting in the capacity of an undercover officer and began conducting an online undercover operation designed to identify and target adult individuals who were seeking to make

contact with and engage in illegal sexual activity with minor children. While working online in an undercover capacity, Detective Garrison created an online post using a particular chat application. Based on my training and experience, I know that this particular application allows individual users to meet online, engage in conversation, and exchange photos. Detective Garrison posted a photo (in the form of a "meme") that depicted what appeared to be a newly married couple standing with several children and cutting a wedding cake, with a message that read "My adopted niece and I are looking for family fun." In this investigation, Detective Garrison planned to and did in fact assume the persona of an individual who was the uncle of a 12 year old deaf female child.

b. On August 27, 2018, an individual who later referred to himself as "Mark," and who was subsequently identified as McNEIL, began actively contacting Detective Garrison's undercover persona. The conversation between the undercover Uncle persona used by Detective Garrison, hereafter referred to as "UC," and the user "Mark" began on August 27, 2018 and continued until August 28, 2018 within the particular online application and then continued via text message on August 29 and 30, 2018. Detective Garrison made copies of and preserved as evidence the posts and messages on the online application and the text messages exchanged between the UC and "Mark," identified as McNEIL.

7. On August 30, 2018, I received copies of the all on the online communications between UC and "Mark," identified as and referred to below as McNEIL, from Detective Garrison. I have reviewed these messages and learned the following:

a. On August 27, 2018 at 0906, UC received a response to his initial meme post (referred to above) that read, "Share her with me". Later that same day, at 1911, UC responded by typing, "She's 12 years old. Is that ok?" There were no other online communications between McNEIL and UC on that day.

b. On August 28, 2018, online communications resumed starting at 0744 via the particular online application and are set forth below:

McNEIL: Pic?
And when?
Today?

UC: Maybe. I'm heading into work. HMU sometime after 6

McNEIL: Pic of her?
Have yall played before?
?
I'm very interested

UC: I'm a lil busy right now. HMU sometime after 6 if ur still interested

McNEIL: Can I see what she looks like
Lol nothing?

UC: I'm still at work

McNEIL: You don't have a pic on your phone?

McNEIL: Almost off?

UC: Yup

McNEIL: Ok good
Pic?

[UC sent McNEIL a non-pornographic photo depicting a young female]

McNEIL: Have you played with her

UC: Yes I have

McNEIL: She can handle it?
What side of jax?

UC: Yeah she can
I'm in OP

McNEIL: Any naughty pics of her?

UC: I can't do that. Don't want to get in trouble for kiddie porn

McNEIL: Lol, you're not a cop are you?
Just need to make sure somehow

[McNEIL sent a picture of an adult male holding his erect penis]

UC: No and if u have reservations we can stop chatting right
now

McNEIL: No, just want to make sure...its been a fantasy of mine
Does she live with you?
Can you take a normal pic of her with you?

UC: Yeah she does. I adopted her a few months ago. Her mom
died in feb

McNEIL: Nice...been playing with her tight little pussy?

UC: I have. Do u like that?

McNEIL: Very much
I would love to feel it
Can i?

UC: Im interested. But I wanna lay down ground rules. What
else are your intentions?

McNEIL: What's the rules?

UC: I wanna see how far you're planning to go

McNEIL: How far can i

UC: I just wanna make sure you're not going to hurt her

McNEIL: Has she been fucked?
You'll be there right?

UC: She has.
And I just wanna watch. Nothing weird if that's cool?

McNEIL: That's ok with me
I have a big cock that may hurt

UC: I saw. I just wanna make sure u r gentle

McNEIL: I will be

UC: ok

McNEIL: Take a pic of her now?

[UC sent a non-pornographic photo of a young female]

UC: She's is bed right now. But here's one I took last night

McNEIL: What does she say about you fucking her

UC: Not much. She's deaf.
And I haven't learned sign language

McNEIL: Lol, its just you and her?

UC: yeah, Just us

McNEIL: Lucky guy;)

UC: I am. We're good for each other

McNEIL: What time are good to come play?

UC: I'm gonna be busy at work tomorrow. Thursday morning I have to take her to drs appt but I'm gonna keep her home from school thursday and Friday. What works for u?

McNEIL: I can come. thursday and Friday morning

UC: We have an appt at 8 Thursday morning shouldn't take too long. HMU if ur still interested. How close r u to OP?

McNEIL: I'm not too far, 20 min...military

UC: Ok

McNEIL: One big favor?
To be on the safe side?

UC: What's that?

McNEIL: Take a pic of her sleeping?
And where can I cum?

UC: Not gonna happen right now
As for the 2nd ? We can talk about that later.

McNEIL: Lol ok, so Thursday morning?
And how was it being with a young girl?

I want to know how it was

UC: Yeah we'll talk later

McNEIL: Leave me your number?

UC: 352 XXX XXXX

McNEIL: Im.mark btw

UC: I'm mike. Nice to meet u

McNEIL: This could be a good thing! Excited

UC: Me too

Can u text me or give me ur #. That way I know who is
texting me

McNEIL: 757XXXXXXXX

UC: Ok

Thanks. Talk to ya later

McNEIL: Sounds good bro

c. During the period from August 29, 2018 and continuing through August 30, 2018, UC and McNEIL continued the conversation via text messaging. During this period, UC and McNEIL exchanged approximately 239 text messages. I have reviewed all of these messages.

d. On August 29, 2018, at 0803, UC received a text message sent to his undercover telephone number 352 XXX XXXX from telephone number 757XXXXXXXX used by McNEIL that read "Here's my number". At 0809, UC replied and typed "Got it. Thanks." The following text messages were then

exchanged between UC and McNEIL using these two telephone numbers:

McNEIL: Taking her to school?

UC: She's already there. I'm headed to work

McNEIL: Gotcha
Yall home?

UC: Not yet. I'm heading home right now. Had to work late
I'll be home in about 20 minutes. I'll text u back

McNEIL: Ok

UC: I'm back at the house. What you up to?

McNEIL: Not much...keeping her home tomorrow?

UC: Yeah. I got to take her to dr appointment in the morning. But we
will be home later
Are you off tomorrow?

McNEIL: Yea I go in at noon

UC: U still plan on coming over tomorrow?

McNEIL: Is that cool

UC: Yeah. Of course
Can I ask? What all do u plan on doing?
U there?

McNEIL: What do you want to see
?
What have you done with her

UC: All kinds of stuff. But that's family business what I do with her.
But I'm just needing to know what u plan on doing so I can make
sure she is prepared

McNEIL: Lol, what do you want to see then
What do you want to watch?

UC: Let's cut to the chase. U seem like a cool dude. Let me know
what ur game for I know what to expect and what I need to
prepare for

McNEIL: Feels like a setup lol

UC: Setup for what?!?

McNEIL: Because this is an illegal fantasy lol...just need to feel more
comfortable
Can you go in the room.and take a pic of her or show me
something?

UC: I get it. But I'm risking a lot myself
I can't send any nude pics of her
U want of pic of her sleeping?

McNEIL: Just a normal pic of her now laying in bed
Yes

UC: Hang on

McNEIL: Do you have nudes of her?
Can you just tell me some of what you tried? Im down
Is that ok?

[UC sent McNEIL a photo depicting a person lying on her side covered with
two blankets. Only the top portion of the person's head is visible above the
covers.]

UC: Sorry was having trouble sending it

McNEIL: Got it

UC: Did u get the pic? I don't know if it went through

McNEIL: I got it
Can you tell me something you tried...put me at ease

UC: Like I told u before I have played with her pussy

McNEIL: Ok good..what was her reaction?

UC: She seemed to like it. She smiled

McNEIL: Nice...what time tomorrow

UC: Appointment is at 8. Hopefully done in about an hour. Wanna say meet around 10?

McNEIL: Yea
Have lube?

UC: No I don't since she is 12 she is still kinda tight. She will need it.
And condoms
I can't risk her getting pregnant

McNEIL: Gonna join?

UC: U need to bring some

McNEIL: I'll text you around 930

UC: No. I just wanna watch. I hope that's ok

McNEIL: Yes that's fine
Text u tomorrow

UC: Cool. I am looking forward to it

McNEIL: Me too

e. On August 30, 2018 at 0749, UC received a text message sent to his undercover telephone number 352 XXX XXXX from telephone number

757XXXXXXX used by McNEIL that read "How is she this morning". At 0755, UC received a second text message from telephone number 757XXXXXXX that read "Tell her about today?" At 0806, UC replied with a text message that read "She's good and well rested. Heading into drs office". The following text messages were then exchanged between UC and McNEIL using these two telephone numbers:

McNEIL: Where do you live?
Can o see a pic of her now?:)
*I
?

UC: Hey sorry it took a lil longer than expected

McNEIL: Everything good?

UC: Yup they were backed up
U good?

McNEIL: Pic ?
And yea

UC: Hey before we get started I want to meet u in a public place first.
Just to make sure everything is cool

McNEIL: That's fine...she with you?

UC: I'm gonna keep her at the house

McNEIL: She with you now?

UC: Yeah I'm about to drop her off at the house
Look I just wanna meet first to make sure everything is cool. Will
help bring down my anxiety

McNEIL: I need one more pic...im.nervous as fuck lol...can you take a pic of you touching her ass or pussy over her panties...dont have to show her face

UC: Man I are making me nervous with these pics
I mean u are
I'm not so sure about any more pics

McNEIL: Lol, but they put me at ease...and it shows me that you are real and not a cop
If I was a cop I wouldn't ask for pics like that
Just puts my mind at ease

UC: I'm not gonna do anymore. U wanna meet or not?

McNEIL: I do...where
Where do you live

UC: I live off constitution in OP there's a Starbucks nearby

McNEIL: What do you drive?

UC: White Chevy 1500

McNEIL: Ok cool its gonna take me 30 min to get to that side of town

UC: Cool u familiar with this area?

McNEIL: Used to work over there

UC: Cool. I'll be wearing a black Star Wars T-shirt and blue jeans

McNEIL: Ok, leaving shortly

UC: Ok. What u driving?

McNEIL: Black jeep

UC: Ok

McNEIL: So is sharing her a fantasy of yours?

UC: What r u gonna be wearing?

McNEIL: Teal shirt and brown shorts

UC: I guess it is

McNEIL: You can trust me man...im just curious

UC: I hope so. I'm risking a lot here

McNEIL: So am I
Does she know?

UC: Not really. She is deaf and I haven't really learned a whole lot of signing. But she will be fine
She likes to make me happy

McNEIL: Nice...tried this before?

UC: Only once. However it was someone I knew already

McNEIL: Howd it go?

UC: Hey don't forget to bring that stuff

McNEIL: I cant have kids...can I have her bare
Feel like itll work better

UC: I don't know man. I don't really know u. If she gets pregnant I have too many questions to answer

McNEIL: I got snipped...no chance

UC: U understand I can't just take ur word for it. Can u bring some!
Can you stop at a gas station? I'll get the lube
I'm already here at Starbucks. I need u to get it bud

McNEIL: Lol ok
I'll stop after we meet and we both feel better about it

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UC: Ok

McNEIL: So howd it go with your buddy

UC: It went very well 😊

McNEIL: Did his fit?

UC: Yeah but he was kinda small

McNEIL: Lol
How did she react to it

UC: She enjoyed it

McNEIL: Did she do anything else for him?

UC: Like what?

McNEIL: Play with it, put her mouth on it

UC: ?

McNEIL: His dick

UC: Oh yeah sorry

McNEIL: Has she played with yours?;) Gotta teach her lol

UC: Yeah she has. We've played before. But I just wanna watch

McNEIL: How do you want it to play out?

UC: We'll talk about it here. I just wanna lay down some ground rules

McNEIL: Anything in particular

UC: I just want to set some limitations.

McNEIL: Lol well I'm still on the road, what do you got?

UC: How much longer u gonna be?

McNEIL: On 295, trying to hurry. There was a wreck

UC: Ok

McNEIL: So let's hear some of them

UC: I'd rather talk about it one on one

McNEIL: Can I hear a little of how you want it to go? I'm curious and excited

UC: Slow it down bud. We will get to that

McNEIL: Lol

UC: Lol

McNEIL: So why whisper

UC: I tend to find more like minded guys. And other places I get reported and shut down

McNEIL: Did anyone else message you

UC: I had a few interested. Only one other seems serious but he is out of town

McNEIL: Has he done anything like this before?

UC: I think so. He hasn't been specific but he talks like he has
Have u?

McNEIL: Nice
A lot of guys fantasy

UC: So u haven't done this?

McNEIL: Nope
Not a lot of opportunities lol

UC: Ok
I guess ur right
What's the youngest u have been with?

McNEIL: You played with her for a while?
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UC: Cool

McNEIL: What about you

UC: She is the youngest

McNEIL: Was she 12 at the time

UC: U make thru the wreck yet?

McNEIL: Yea

UC: Yeah she had turned 12 about a week before

McNEIL: Lucky...you play often?

UC: We use to not as much recently.

McNEIL: Lol get tired of it?

UC: No just more into watching now

McNEIL: You jerk while watching

UC: Sometimes

McNEIL: Nice

UC: It is

McNEIL: She can make you cum?

UC: She has several times
Hey man. U close?

McNEIL: Sucking your dick she has?
Yea on blanding

UC: Ok

McNEIL: Just curious

UC: What?

McNEIL: Has she made you cum by sucking

UC: A few times 😊

McNEIL: Lol nice

UC: Where ya at? Seems like forever
Lol

McNEIL: Almost there lol

UC: Ok

McNEIL: Meet me at your truck?

UC: U here?

McNEIL: Pulling in

UC: U meet me inside. I'm next to the cashier
I feel more comfortable with people around

McNEIL: Im just nervous as fuck

UC: Me too
Where u at I don't see u

McNEIL: Parked on the side by drivethrough

UC: Ok

McNEIL: Just nervous to meet and it be a setup lol

UC: Me too. That's why I picked a public place

McNEIL: Lol, but if I was a cop I would already come in...and public wouldn't matter

UC U might be someone trying to rob me too.

McNEIL: Haha...true, but this is more serious than that

UC: This is the only way it's gonna work
What kind of vehicle are u in?

McNEIL: Do you have something of her on your phone that would make me feel better?

UC: I have other pics of her. But now I feel like ur screwing with me.
I hope ur not being fake

McNEIL: I'm really not man, I want this, but I need to feel comfortable
Any naughty pics a cop wouldn't have?
I'm real as can be

UC: I'm gonna walk to my truck. Do u see it?

McNEIL: Yea

UC: U see me?

McNEIL: Yea

UC: Now u wanna go inside or wanna keep dancing around?

McNEIL: Can we talk outside

UC: Sure meet me at my truck
Waiting....

McNEIL: Fuck im.nervous

UC: And I'm hot out here
Is that ur black Jeep next to the bank?

McNEIL: Im coming

UC: Ok
U sure?

8. The last text communication above from McNEIL occurred at approximately 1056. In order to intercept McNEIL, Detective Ellis and I, along with other law enforcement officers including Detective Garrison, had traveled to the Starbucks coffee house on Blanding Boulevard in Orange Park. From my vantage point inside the Starbucks, I observed Detective Garrison as he stood in the parking lot in front of the Starbucks awaiting the arrival of McNEIL. Shortly after the last text communication, I observed a gray Dodge Ram pick up truck bearing Florida license plate DKTX68 pull into the Starbucks parking lot from Blanding Boulevard and park a few spaces away from Detective Garrison as he (Garrison) stood in the parking lot outside of his vehicle. I observed the driver, who was confirmed and later identified as McNEIL, gesture to and make contact with Detective Garrison. I observed as Detective Garrison and McNEIL spoke for several minutes, and then McNEIL was placed under arrest. Later that same day, I ran a query for Florida

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license number DKTX68 using the Florida state Driver and Vehicle Identification Database (DAVID) that confirmed that the vehicle is registered to Michael Douglas McNEIL.

9. McNEIL was subsequently transported to the CCSO Orange Park substation and placed into an interview room. Detective Ellis and Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) SA J. Rogish entered the room for the purpose of interviewing McNEIL. Detective Ellis identified himself and SA Rogish and removed McNEIL's handcuffs. After confirming some biographical information, Detective Ellis advised McNEIL of his constitutional rights. McNEIL acknowledged his rights and agreed to speak with the officers. The interview was recorded on audio and video. I watched the interview using closed circuit video equipment as it was happening, and I have also the video and audio recovery of it in its entirety. During this interview, McNEIL provided, in substance and among other things, the following information:

McNEIL has been in the United States Navy for several years, and later confirmed that he was a Surface Warfare Officer on the U.S.S. Lassen. He confirmed that he used a texting application with the phone number 757XXXXXXX and that no one else uses that number or his phone. He indicated he has been using the particular online application (referenced above) for a few months and denied that he had ever met anyone through the

application. McNEIL advised that his name on the application was "Mark". He had been talking to the person outside [Detective Garrison] for a few days. When asked how old McNEIL was told the female child was McNEIL's response was "12" and that made him "sick to [his] stomach." McNEIL indicated that while growing up, a member of his family was raped. McNEIL also indicated that he knew the child that he and UC had discussed was deaf. McNEIL indicated in substance that his reason for meeting with the UC was for the purpose of identifying the person he was talking to as a potential criminal and going to his house. McNEIL acknowledged that he sent UC a picture of an erect penis. McNEIL and the officers discussed his claim of being a well-intentioned "vigilante" for several minutes and Detective Ellis explained to McNEIL why this claim did not make sense. McNEIL initially persisted that he did not want to do anything with the 12 year old child. While the veracity of McNEIL's claim was being questioned he stated "I wouldn't have went through with it." Detective Ellis advised McNEIL that it was a good thing that McNEIL stopped before he actually had sex with the 12 year old. After a pause, Detective Ellis asked McNEIL, "What do you think about all this? McNEIL replied, "I don't like it." Detective Ellis asked, "Why not?" McNEIL asked "Can I be honest?" and then stated "I'm just...fucked up. Um... I'm a fucking idiot. I have a perfect life, perfect

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wife, perfect kid ... curiosity got to me and ... I fucked up. Fucking stupid. And now, you know, I could lose everything.” McNEIL stated “I apologize for making shit up.” When asked why he showed up to meet with UC, McNEIL’s response was “The curiosity, sir.” When asked what he was curious about, McNEIL’s response was “A younger girl.” McNEIL also stated, “I’ve never done anything like this before, and honestly I know it doesn’t sound truthful but, I don’t, I don’t know if I coulda went through with it, because of who I am, my conscience would fuckin’ destroy me ... but the curiosity of just knowing ... got the better of me”. McNEIL admitted that he looked at “teen porn” online but denied viewing child pornography. When asked about the use of condoms with the 12 year old child as discussed during the conversation with UC, McNEIL responded, “I didn’t go prepared ‘cause I didn’t know if I would do it or not.” He acknowledged again that he “might have done it,” referring to having sex with the child. When asked how many pictures of the female child he received, McNEIL’s response was “2 or 3.” When McNEIL was asked how old the female child appeared in the photos, he responded “around that age,” and clarified, “12 or 13.” McNEIL confirmed that he understood that a 12 year old cannot consent to sex and that that is illegal. McNEIL stated that he understood that the 12 year old child was the niece of the person that he was conversing with online. McNEIL

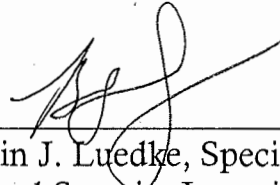
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stated that UC told him to bring lube to their meeting “because [the child] was young.” McNEIL confirmed that, other than the “vigilante part,” he had been truthful with the officers.

10. Based upon the foregoing facts, I have probable cause to believe that from on or about August 27, 2018 through on our about August 30, 2018, in the Middle District of Florida, MICHAEL DOUGLAS McNEIL, using a facility of interstate commerce, that is, by cellular telephone and computer via the internet, did knowingly and willfully attempt to persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a person whom McNEIL believed had not reached the age of 18 years, to engage in sexual activity for which a person can be charged with a criminal offense under the laws of the state of Florida, that is, the crime of lewd or lascivious battery upon a person 12 years of age or older but less than 16 years of age, in violation of Sections

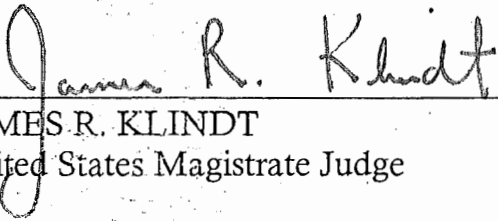
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800.04(4)(a), Florida Statutes, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code,
Section 2422(b).



Benjamin J. Luedke, Special Agent
Homeland Security Investigations

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of September, 2018, at
Jacksonville, Florida.



JAMES R. KLINDT
United States Magistrate Judge