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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Middle District of Florida

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CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

United States of America
v.
JORDAN FREDERIC SCHEMMELE

Case No. 3:18-mj-1357-MCR

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 September 5, 2018 in the county of Duval in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section
18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(2)

Offense Description
Knowing distribution of child pornography over the internet

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached.

Continued on the attached sheet.



Complainant's signature

ABBIGAIL BECCACCIO, Special Agent, FBI

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 10/19/18



Judge's signature

City and state: Jacksonville, Florida

MONTE C. RICHARDSON, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT

I, Abbigail Beccaccio, being duly sworn, state as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. I am a Special Agent (SA) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and have been so employed since May 2012. I am currently assigned to the Jacksonville, Florida Division of the FBI where I conduct a variety of investigations in the area of violent crimes. Prior to this assignment, I was employed as Forensics and Technology Unit Supervisor with the Orlando Police Department for approximately 8 years. I have a Bachelor's degree in Molecular Biology & Microbiology. I have received law enforcement training from the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia. A substantial portion of my duties are dedicated to investigating cases involving crimes against children under the auspices of the FBI's "Innocent Images" National Initiative. Since becoming a Special Agent, I have worked with experienced Special Agents who also investigate child exploitation offenses. In the performance of my duties, I have investigated and assisted in the investigation of matters involving the advertisement for, possession, collection, production, receipt, and/or transportation of images of child pornography and the solicitation and extortion of children to produce sexually explicit images of themselves. I have been involved in searches of residences pertaining to the advertisement for, possession, collection, production, and/or transportation of child pornography through either the execution of search warrants or through the subject providing written consent to permit a search to be conducted.

2. I have investigated and assisted in the investigation of criminal matters involving the sexual exploitation of children that constituted violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2251, 2252, 2252A, 2422, and 2423, as well as Florida state statutes that criminalize the sexual activity with minors and other methods of child sexual exploitation. In connection with such investigations, I have served as case agent, have been the affiant for several search warrants and conducted interviews of defendants and witnesses, and have served as an undercover agent in online child exploitation cases. I am a member of a local child pornography task force comprised of the FBI, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, and the Clay County Sheriff's Office, 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 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 JORDAN FREDERIC SCHEMMEL has committed a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(2), that is, knowing distribution of child pornography over the internet.

4. I make this affidavit in support of a criminal complaint against JORDAN FREDERIC SCHEMMEL, that is, on or about September 5, 2018, in the Middle District of Florida and elsewhere, JORDAN FREDERIC SCHEMMEL did knowingly distribute a visual depiction using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce by any means, that is, by computer via the internet, when the production of the visual depiction involved the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and the visual depiction was of such conduct, the visual depiction being specifically identified in the computer file titled "IMG_0174.MP4," in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252(a)(2) and 2252(b)(1).

5. On October 17, 2018, I applied for and obtained a federal search warrant for the residence located at 3270 Ricky Drive, Apartment #1603, Jacksonville, Florida, 32223, believed to be occupied by JORDAN FREDERIC SCHEMMEL. I was the affiant for the affidavit in support of the application for this search warrant, and I am familiar with the facts contained therein. A certified copy of the application and affidavit for this search warrant is attached as Exhibit A,

and the facts and information contained therein is hereby incorporated by reference herein¹. This warrant authorized the search of this residence for fruits, evidence, and instrumentalities of violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252 and 2252A, that is, distribution, transportation, receipt, and possession of child pornography. This search warrant was issued by United States Magistrate Judge Monte C. Richardson in Case No. 3:18-mj-1351-MCR.

6. On October 19, 2018, at approximately 6:00 a.m., I, together with other FBI agents and law enforcement personnel, executed this search warrant at the residence located at 3270 Ricky Drive, Apartment #1603, Jacksonville, Florida, 32223.

7. JORDAN FREDERIC SCHEMMEL was present at the residence, and was briefly detained for officer safety while the residence was cleared. SCHEMMEL was then released from this brief detention and I approached him for a possible interview.

8. I told SCHEMMEL that a search warrant was being executed at his residence, that he was not under arrest, and was free to leave. SCHEMMEL was advised that interviewing agents wished to speak with him and were available to answer any questions. SCHEMMEL agreed to speak with me and accompanied me

¹ Certain identifying information has been redacted from the affidavit in support of the application for the search warrant to protect the privacy of persons referred to therein.

and FBI Special Agent Robert Schwinger to a FBI vehicle, where SCHEMMEL sat in the front passenger seat. SCHEMMEL then provided, in summary and among other things, the following information:

(a) SCHEMMEL was asked if he needed anything. Agents offered to provide SCHEMMEL with shoes and SCHEMMEL stated he was comfortable in his t-shirt, jeans and without shoes.

(b) SCHEMMEL has lived in Jacksonville, Florida since 1999 and purchased his current residence a number of years ago. SCHEMMEL went to college at the University of North Florida where he obtained a degree in education. SCHEMMEL currently runs the International Baccalaureate (IB) student program at Terry Parker High School in Jacksonville, Florida. SCHEMMEL worked as a teacher previously in St. Johns County and Duval County, Florida.

(c) SCHEMMEL has used AT&T Internet Services for approximately two years. The residence has secured Wi-Fi. SCHEMMEL denied knowledge of anyone else accessing or using his secured Wi-Fi, except his live-in girlfriend, whom he identified. SCHEMMEL denied knowledge of any recent houseguests, suspicious emails, and any hacking to his secured Wi-fi. The condominium complex management has a key to his residence but, other than his girlfriend, no one else has a key or can access his residence.

(d) SCHEMMEL uses the Internet for various activities to include streaming videos, chatting and social media. SCHEMMEL primarily uses Facebook and has used Grindr in the past. SCHEMMEL disclosed several email addresses, some of which he used for bills and others he used for social media. SCHEMMEL used "Sunrise1599@outlook.com" for his Grindr account.

(e) SCHEMMEL has participated in some forms of role-play in the past. SCHEMMEL had a very good friend that he became sexually active with and stated they were "like brother and sister." SCHEMMEL would role-play brother-sister incest with her. SCHEMMEL clarified that he believed having sex with his actual sister would be "totally gross." SCHEMMEL has been looking for something like this again, but has been unable to find it.

(f) SCHEMMEL acknowledged using Kik "in the past" when "people" wanted to remain anonymous. While on Kik, SCHEMMEL has seen "things" involving children, but immediately left the Kik group when this occurred. SCHEMMEL has also used Snapchat. SCHEMMEL only accessed Kik groups on his Apple iPhone. SCHEMMEL further stated he has never had anything pop-up on his computer, only in the Kik groups on his phone. SCHEMMEL acknowledged "seeing things that were illegal" involving children while on Kik, but stated he removed himself from the groups. SCHEMMEL's Kik user name was "Profsunrise15," and he further explained that he likes the number fifteen and

sunrises. SCHEMMEL's profile photo on Kik was what he described to be a "spanking stool." SCHEMMEL told the agents that the stool was currently in the living room of his residence (agents located this item in the residence).

(g) SCHEMMEL acknowledged interest in certain types of sexual activities, such as incest, bestiality and certain types of role-play. SCHEMMEL liked role-play because there was an "age-component" and SCHEMMEL wanted to act younger.

(h) SCHEMMEL has seen "guys" who "say they are of age" on Grindr, but has not always believed them. SCHEMMEL would delete them or report those users and denied ever meeting anyone under the age of eighteen for sexual purposes.

(i) SCHEMMEL was shown a specific chat conversation (that I had received from FBI SA Dustin Grant who engaged in online conversation with SCHEMMEL) and stated he did not specifically remember the conversation but had not been on Kik in 2-3 weeks. SCHEMMEL stated several times he did not remember the chat conversation and was shown a color still-image and a screen-shot from a video (that was received by SA Grant over Kik as set forth in the attached affidavit for the search warrant). SCHEMMEL stated he did remember the video, he had received it from another Kik user, and he had sent it to a particular person (that I know to be SA Grant) over the Kik app. SCHEMMEL then admitted having

other images and videos depicting child pornography saved on his Apple iPhone. SCHEMMEL was asked if he wished to watch the video depicting the prepubescent female child with an adult male penis in her mouth and stated he did not wish to view the video but did remember it.

(j) SCHEMMEL stated his involvement in child pornography began as a curiosity a few months ago. SCHEMMEL knew it was wrong and illegal and tried to stop himself a number of times. SCHEMMEL thought it was fair to compare his child pornography activities to an addiction. SCHEMMEL thought his child pornography activities were fantasy because he would never act on them. SCHEMMEL stated he would never hurt a child. SCHEMMEL further stated, “my curiosity took over.” When asked what should happen to people that engage in child pornography offenses, SCHEMMEL, after pausing as if in deep thought, stated, “they deserve to lose their freedom.”

(k) When asked if SCHEMMEL had been honest with the interviewing agents regarding his illegal activities, SCHEMMEL stated “yes.” After a short period of time, SCHEMMEL stated that agents would also find images and videos depicting bestiality on his Apple iPhone. SCHEMMEL clarified that he has not participated in any acts of bestiality, only viewed it on his phone. SCHEMMEL’s girlfriend was not aware of any of his illegal activities and stated he was ashamed.

(l) SCHEMMEL has tried to stop viewing child pornography unsuccessfully at least 1-2 times. SCHEMMEL would feel ashamed after masturbating to child pornography and would then delete it or “walk away from it.” SCHEMMEL additionally stated that the thumb drive in the drawer next to his bed contained both images and videos of child pornography and bestiality. SCHEMMEL’s phone was almost out of storage so he transferred some of the content to the thumb drive. SCHEMMEL had intended to destroy the thumb drive but had not yet done so.

(m) SCHEMMEL has never used peer-to-peer file sharing software and did not think he possessed the technical ability to use it. SCHEMMEL only obtained child pornography through Kik.

(n) SCHEMMEL’s phone was removed from his residence by the interviewing agent, and SCHEMMEL voluntarily provided the six-digit passcode. I located the online Kik conversation between SCHEMMEL, using the screen name “JS,” and SA Grant and I showed it to SCHEMMEL. He indicated that he remembered both the image and the video depicting child pornography that he sent to SA Grant.

(o) SCHEMMEL was also shown a video in the “recently deleted” folder on his Apple iPhone (dated September 3, 2018 at 11:24 a.m.), that depicted a prepubescent female child being sexually abused. When asked if SCHEMMEL

remembered this video, he stated “yes” and he declined to watch the video in its entirety.

9. During the execution of the search warrant while searching for authorized items, FBI agents located a two-tiered stool with grey leather-like material in the living room of the residence. I have viewed the stool and it matches the Kik profile photo used by “ProfSunrise15” and SCHEMMEL described it as being in his residence.

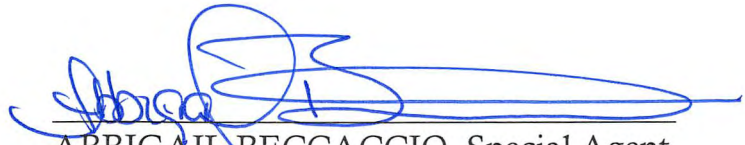
10. Searching agents also located a thumb drive in the drawer of the nightstand of SCHEMMEL’s room. I viewed the images and videos stored on this thumb drive and they are consistent with what SCHEMMEL told me about his collection, that is, several of these images and videos depicted child pornography and bestiality.

11. SCHEMMEL acknowledged at the end of the interview that the interviewing agents had treated him fairly during the execution of the search warrant and the interview.

11. After the conclusion of this interview, I contacted Assistant United States Attorney D. Rodney Brown, who authorized me to arrest SCHEMMEL for knowing distribution of child pornography. Shortly thereafter, I placed SCHEMMEL under arrest.

12. Based upon the foregoing facts, I have probable cause to believe that on

or about September 5, 2018, in the Middle District of Florida and elsewhere, defendant, JORDAN FREDERIC SCHEMMEL did knowingly distribute a visual depiction using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce by any means, that is, by computer via the internet, when the production of the visual depiction involved the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and the visual depiction was of such conduct, the visual depiction being specifically identified in the computer file titled "IMG_0174.MP4," in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252(a)(2) and 2252(b)(1).


ABBIGAIL BECCACCIO, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
19th day of October, 2018, at Jacksonville, Florida.


MONTE C. RICHARDSON
United States Magistrate Judge