

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
PENSACOLA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO. 3:18cr113/MCR

RONALD ROSCOE
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FACTUAL BASIS FOR GUILTY PLEA

This statement of facts is submitted on behalf of the undersigned parties. All parties agree that if the above-captioned case were to go to trial, the government could produce competent, substantial evidence of the following facts to prove Defendant is guilty of the offense charged in the Indictment to which Defendant is pleading guilty. The parties further agree that not all of the facts known from or related to this investigation are contained in this brief summary.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Beginning in or about September 2018, an investigator (hereinafter "UC") with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office (hereinafter "OCSO"), acting in an undercover capacity, began chatting online on the website "www.kidschat.net," in order to identify any individuals interested in exploiting or harming children. According to their publicly accessible website, Kidschat.net professes to be the

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“world's largest chat for kids.” Kidschat.net allows its users to register for an account before chatting, or an option exists to utilize the website as a “Guest” instead. All users must accept the chat room rules before being permitted to chat on its social platform. A sampling of the chat room rules are as follows:

- You will agree to be 13 or over (not older than 19) before entering the kids chat rooms;
- You will not post obscene or vulgar messages;
- You will choose an appropriate and clean nickname;
- You have finished all your homework and have some free time now; and
- You will take breaks to rest your eyes and clear your mind.

On or about September 29, 2018, at approximately 5:10 p.m. (CST), an individual, later identified as Ronald Roscoe, sent a private unsolicited message on Kidschat to the UC, who, acting in an undercover capacity, was posing online as a female minor. The following conversation occurred on Kidschat.net between Mr. Roscoe and the UC:

ROSCOE: I'm a older man. That ok?
UC: Yep
ROSCOE: 47 m Michigan. You r 11? 47 ok??
UC: yep that awesome
ROSCOE: You ever been with a older guy
UC: No I'm lookin to learn is that ok
ROSCOE: Sure. Wat u look like
UC: Brown hair skinny
ROSCOE: Ok. You have ki.k or hangouts
UC: I got ****. K. I. K
ROSCOE: Wats ur ki.k name. wats your ki.k?
UC: It's sunshinegirl12003.
ROSCOE: Ok...

On or about September 29, 2018, at approximately 5:28 p.m. (CST), Mr. Roscoe, utilizing KIK username "buddbeers69," sent a private message to the UC, who was still posing in an undercover capacity and utilizing the KIK username "Sunshinegirll2003." The UC throughout this investigation remained undercover posing as an 11 and 12 year old girl named Emma. Between on or about September 29, 2018, and October 18, 2018, communication between Mr. Roscoe and the UC occurred on the social media platform KIK. The following is a synopsis of the conversation that occurred KIK, between the UC, and Mr. Roscoe, utilizing KIK.

ROSCOE: Hello

UC: Hi

ROSCOE: What are you doing besides chatting. Do you have a picture I can see?? What are you wanting to learn???

UC: Lol what would you teach me. Sorry for the long wait was talking to my mom. And I do school online I play video games.

ROSCOE: It's ok bout the wait. Well what are you interested in learning?? Can I see a picture of you?

At this time, the UC sent an image of a dark haired female twirling her hair, while at the beach. The conversation continued as follows:

UC: What do you think lol

ROSCOE: Wow you're pretty. You're 11?

UC: I turn 12 tomorrow

ROSCOE: Happy birthday sweetheart. What kind of present do you want.

UC: Lol a new video game system

ROSCOE: Ok. What kind of video game system

UC: Did you mean from you lol, Sry.
ROSCOE: It's ok. I basically meant just in general. I don't know how I would buy you anything. I want you have PayPal or cashapp.
ROSCOE: Unless you have PayPal or Cashapp I mean. Lol.
UC: Lol. I like you
ROSCOE: Ok. Well you got Pay pal or cashapp? What are you doing right now? Mom still with you?
UC: Getting ready for dinner
ROSCOE: Oh ok
UC: Can I text you after dinner
ROSCOE: Sure. Then you can tell me what you want to learn. Maybe I can help you.

During a KIK conversation on the same day, Mr. Roscoe kept insisting the UC discuss what she was curious about and wanted to learn about when it came to sex. The UC replied, "I don't know how to say it. I can't this was a bad idea, sry." Mr. Roscoe responded, "Just tell me sweetheart. Do you touch yourself." The UC replied, "Not really is that ok," Mr. Roscoe said, "It ok. Come on sweetheart you can tell me. I will not laugh at you or anything. I'm curious what you want to learn. And I will help you." The UC replied, "Ok I'm deaf and I'm technically in 9 grade and I'm going on 12 and the girls at school talk about stuff and I want to learn and that about the only way I know how to put it." Mr. Roscoe replied, "I understand. I will be willing to help you. Are you Ok with me helping you. What do the girls talk about," and then later on added, "Please? I really do wanna help you. I think you're beautiful girl and I wanna help you." The UC asked how Mr. Roscoe could help and if Mr. Roscoe had ever helped someone the UC's age

before, referring to an 11 or 12 year old child. Mr. Roscoe responded, "I guess for starters we could talk. And then later, Maybe we could meet. Actually I have."

Over the course of the next few weeks, the conversation continued between Mr. Roscoe and the UC on KIK. Throughout the conversation, Mr. Roscoe referred to the UC as "sweetheart" and stated numerous times, "You're absolutely beautiful," and words to that effect. The repeated and continual doting over a minor is commonly referred to as "grooming." ^{by law enforcement DSC PR} During the communication between Mr. Roscoe and the UC, Mr. Roscoe asked questions and made comments such as, "Are you curious about sex?" and "I would like to be your friend for real." Mr. Roscoe stated, "I can tell you that I would love to make you feel good. I would love to touch you in all the right spots to make you orgasm. Would you like that." The UC asked, "Yeah, how would you do that?" and Mr. Roscoe stated, "I can either text all of it to you.... Or we could get to know each other, and in a few weeks I can visit you." The UC asked what the two of them would do if they met and Mr. Roscoe replied, "We don't have to rush anything," and then later on, "I would kiss your neck, I would gently caress your yours arms, How I would slowly pull your shirt up and take it off you, you could leave your bra on....Has a guy ever seen you in your underwear?" The UC responded, "Besides my dad by accident no is that ok?" Mr. Roscoe continued, "That's ok sweetheart. I would

love to see you in your bra and panties, I would love you just kiss you, gently caress your smooth soft body...gently caress your sweet little private through your panties while I am kissing on your sexy breasts.” The UC responded, “Wow.” Mr. Roscoe got more graphic in his text communications and made comments like, “I’d love to just lick and suck on your beautiful nipples.” Also, “I want you to spread your legs wide again for me... I’d lean down I put my mouth ready against your little private.....I want to just take my tongue and lick you....I wanna taste how wet you are.” Additional conversations regarding sexual activity continued between Mr. Roscoe and the UC.

During the week of October 15, 2018, Mr. Roscoe informed the UC that Mr. Roscoe had purchased a plane ticket to fly from Michigan to Florida. The purpose of the trip was for Mr. Roscoe to pick up the UC and take her to a local hotel for the purposes of engaging in sexual contact with the UC over the course of the weekend. Specifically, Mr. Roscoe had stated, “Thinking about the flight that leaves Thursday night...I’ll get there about midnight. Some of the prices are like crazy expensive,” and, “I will need either your address or somewhere that you’re gonna be so I know where to pick you up.” Mr. Roscoe also said, “We could go to the motel, you will be my daughter, we will check in and go up to the room...We can progress farther when you feel comfortable.”

On or about October 18, 2018, Mr. Roscoe informed the UC that he was beginning his trip from Michigan to Florida and he was having a hard time finding a place to park at the airport in Detroit, Michigan. Later in the day, Mr. Roscoe told the UC that he was likely unable to rent a car, and might end up spending the first night in the airport. Specifically, Mr. Roscoe stated, "I called 3 rental places, nobody has any cars, guess I should of drove," and, "I tried to get a motel room tonight but they don't have one available, I'll be boarding in about 25 minutes." Law enforcement located a hotel in Destin, Florida, where Mr. Roscoe reserved a hotel room for October 19, 2018, through October 21, 2018. His registration lists the guests as "1 Adult, 1 child (ages 11 years old)."

On or about October 18, 2018, at approximately 11:30 p.m., Mr. Roscoe arrived at the Northwest Florida Regional Airport, located in Destin, Florida from a connecting flight in Charlotte, North Carolina. Near baggage claim, Mr. Roscoe was approached by law enforcement. During the initial contact, Mr. Roscoe dropped a cellular telephone onto the ground. An agent retrieved the cellular telephone and noticed it was displaying the KIK text message thread between Mr. Roscoe and the UC.

A federal search warrant was obtained to search his electronic devices. Child pornography files were located on a 32 Gigabyte SanDisk inserted in Mr.

Roscoe's cellular telephone. The files included pictures and videos of prepubescent children engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

Mr. Roscoe's use of KIK was a facility or means of interstate commerce. Mr. Roscoe is 56 years old and engaging in sexual activity with a 12 year old, which is a violation of Florida Law. Florida Statutes, section 800.04(4) and (5).

Since February 1, 2007, Mr. Roscoe has been a registered sex offender, listed on the Michigan Public Sex Offender Registry (Registration number: 2071135). His sex offender status stems from a federal conviction in the Eastern District of Michigan for the possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A.

ELEMENTS

Count One – Attempted Enticement of a Minor, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b). ECCA Pattern Jury Instruction O92.3.

First: the Defendant knowingly intended to persuade, induce, entice, or coerce [individual named in the indictment] to engage in sexual activity, as charged used a facility or means of interstate commerce;

Second: the Defendant used the Internet or a cellular telephone to do so;

Third: at the time, the Defendant believed that [individual named in the indictment] was less than 18 years old;

Fourth: if the sexual activity had occurred, one or more of the individual(s) engaging in sexual activity could have been charged with a criminal offense under the law of Florida; and

Fifth: the Defendant took a substantial step towards committing the offense.

Count Two – Travel with Intent to Engage in Illicit Sexual Conduct, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2423(b). ECCA Pattern Jury Instruction O93.2.

First: the Defendant traveled in interstate commerce;

Second: the Defendant traveled for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct.

Count Three – Transporting Material Involving Sexual Exploitation of Minors, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(1). ECCA Pattern Jury Instruction O83.1.

First: the Defendant knowingly transported a visual depiction in interstate or foreign commerce by any means including by computer;

Second: producing the visual depiction involved using a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct;

Third: the depiction shows a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct; and

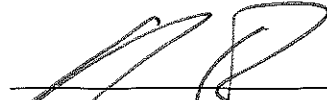
Fourth: the Defendant knew that at least one performer in the visual depiction was a minor and knew that the depiction showed the minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

Count Five – Penalties for Registered Sex Offenders, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2260A.


First: the Defendant is required to register as a sex offender under Federal or other law; and

Second: the Defendant commits a felony offense involving a minor under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1201, 1466A, 1470, 1591, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2251, 2251A, 2260, 2421, **2422**, **2423**, or 2425.

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