

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

INDICTMENT

NICHOLAS HUGHES

4:18 cr 40-MW

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE

Between on or about November 1, 2016, and on or about May 1, 2017, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

NICHOLAS HUGHES,

using a facility and means of interstate commerce, did knowingly persuade, induce, and entice, and attempt to persuade, induce, and entice, an individual who had not attained the age of 18 years, to engage in sexual activity for which any person can be charged with a criminal offense.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b).

COUNT TWO

Between on or about February 6, 2017, and on or about March 23, 2017, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

NICHOLAS HUGHES,

did knowingly and intentionally use, persuade, induce, and entice a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, and this depiction was transported and transmitted in interstate commerce and produced using materials that had been shipped and transported in interstate commerce.

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

COUNT THREE

On or about November 7, 2017, in the Northern District of Florida, the defendant,

NICHOLAS HUGHES,

did knowingly possess material containing child pornography, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8)(A), that had been shipped and transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252A(a)(5)(B) and 2252A(b)(2).

CRIMINAL FORFEITURE

The allegations contained in Counts One through Three of this Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture, pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2428.

From his engagement in the violations charged in Counts One through Three

of this Indictment, the defendant,

NICHOLAS HUGHES,

shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2428, all of his interest in any property, real or personal, that was used or intended to be used to commit or to facilitate the commission of the offenses and any property, real or personal, constituting or derived from any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of the offenses.

If, as the result of any act or omission of the defendant, any of the property described above as being subject to forfeiture:

- i. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- ii. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- iii. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- iv. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- v. has been commingled with other property that cannot be divided without difficulty,

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of any forfeitable property described above.

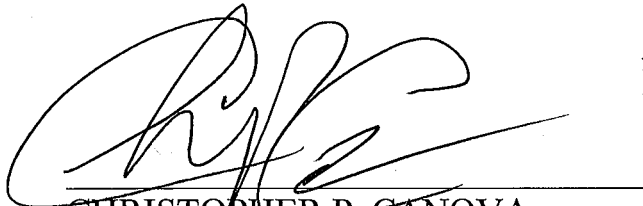
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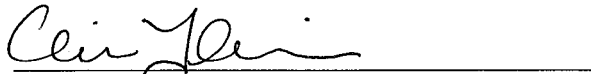
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