

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

ECA BARUANI,
also known as "Junior Baruani"

CASE NUMBER: 26 CR 465

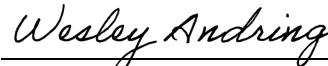
CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about August 27, 2026, at O'Hare International Airport, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, and elsewhere, the defendant violated:

*Code Section*Title 18, United States Code, Section
2252A(a)(5)(B)*Offense Description*

knowingly possessed material, namely a Samsung Galaxy Z Fold7, Model SM-F966U1, Serial Number RFCY723Y46B, IMEI 354273443823302 mobile device, that contained an image of child pornography, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8)(A)

This criminal complaint is based upon these facts:

X Continued on the attached sheet.

WESLEY ANDRING

Special Agent

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1, this Complaint is presented by reliable electronic means. The above-named agent provided a sworn statement attesting to the truth of the Complaint and Affidavit by telephone.

Date: August 28, 2026

Judge's signature

City and state: Chicago, IllinoisYOUNG B. KIM, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

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AFFIDAVIT

I, WESLEY ANDRING, being duly sworn, state as follows:

1. I am a Special Agent with the Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Investigations ("HSI") and have been so employed for approximately six years. My current responsibilities include the investigation of child exploitation and child pornography.

2. This affidavit is submitted in support of a criminal complaint alleging that Eca Baruani, also known as Junior Baruani ("BARUANI"), knowingly possessed child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B). Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause in support of a criminal complaint charging BARUANI with knowingly possessing child pornography, 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 the defendant committed the offense alleged in the complaint.

3. This affidavit is based on my personal knowledge, information provided to me by other law enforcement agents, and from persons with knowledge regarding relevant facts, including BARUANI.

I. FACTS SUPPORTING PROBABLE CAUSE

4. As detailed below, on August 27, 2026, BARUANI arrived at O'Hare

International Airport in Chicago, Illinois on an international flight. After BARUANI disembarked the plane, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) stopped BARUANI, conducted a border search, and manually reviewed BARUANI’s mobile phone (the “Subject Phone”).¹ Officers reviewed the photograph “Gallery” application on the Subject Phone and identified multiple videos that constitute child pornography. In a subsequent interview, BARUANI claimed sole ownership of the Subject Phone.

A. CBP Border Search Authority

5. I know that, pursuant to Title 19, United States Code, Section 1401(i), CBP Officers and HSI Special Agents are “Customs Officers.” As Customs Officers, they have the authority to conduct border searches at the border pursuant to, among other provisions, Title 19, Code of Federal Regulation, Section 162.6 and Title 19, United States Code, Sections 1401, 1461, 1582, and 1589a.

6. I know from my training and experience that the border may include the actual border, the functional equivalent of the border, or the extended border. A functional equivalent of the border includes the O’Hare Internal Airport customs inspection area in O’Hare’s International terminal.

7. The authority to conduct border searches extends to people and merchandise entering and exiting the United States. All travelers crossing the United

¹ According to a CBP official, BARUANI possessed a Samsung Galaxy Z Fold7 mobile device, model SM-F966U1, which bears serial number RFCY723Y46B and IMEI 354273443823302 (the “Subject Phone”).

States border are subject to routine inspection by CBP, including their mobile phones and baggage, consistent with the border search exception doctrine.

B. BARUANI'S Border Search

8. According to CBP flight manifest data, on or about August 27, 2026, BARUANI arrived at Chicago O'Hare International Airport from the United Republic of Tanzania. According to CBP officers, BARUANI was traveling alone. According to CBP officers, CBP officers directed BARUANI to a secondary customs inspection after he passed through primary passport control because he was identified as an incoming passenger who had traveled from a country with Ebola present. According to CBP officers, once CBP officers directed BARUANI to a secondary customs inspection, CBP officers searched BARUANI's name in law enforcement databases and discovered that BARUANI had a prior encounter with law enforcement in approximately 2019 regarding child pornography. Accordingly, CBP believed BARUANI may be in possession of child pornography.

9. At the secondary customs inspection, CBP officers initiated a border search pursuant to their authority under Title 19 of the United States Code, including Sections 1401(i), 1461 and 1582, and Title 19, C.F.R., Section 162.6. During that search, the inspecting CBP officers located the Subject Phone on BARUANI's person, specifically in his pants pocket. According to CBP officers, the inspecting CBP officers conducted a basic manual review of the Subject Phone, including by opening the "Gallery" photograph application. According to the inspecting CBP officers, the name listed in the Subject Phone's "Settings" application is "Junior Kiza Baruani," which

is consistent with the email address that BARUANI used to book his flight to O'Hare Airport (juniorkizabaruanigmail.com).

10. According to the inspecting CBP officers, the officers provided BARUANI with a tear sheet titled "Inspection of Electronic Devices," which explains information including "Why You May Be Chosen for an Inspection," "Authority to Search," "What Happens Now?," "Return or Seizure of Detained Electronic Device(s)," and "Privacy and Civil Liberties Protection." According to the inspecting CBP officers, BARUANI read the tear sheet and provided the Subject Phone's passcode orally to the CBP officers. The CBP officers subsequently handed the Subject Phone to HSI special agents, including the Affiant, who responded to O'Hare Airport after being notified by CBP officers that the Subject Phone contained what appeared to be child pornography.

11. According to HSI special agents, including the Affiant, special agents conducted a manual (*i.e.*, routine) search of the Subject Phone. During the search, special agents observed multiple videos of prepubescent children that, in my training and experience, constitute child pornography as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8)(A). Specifically, according to HSI special agents, including the Affiant, special agents examined the "Gallery" photograph application² on the Subject Phone, and the special agents observed the following files:

² Based on my training and experience, and public source information, including from Samsung.com, the Samsung Gallery photograph application is the default media manager for Galaxy devices, designed for viewing, editing, and organizing photos and video.

a. An approximately 36-second video that depicted a minor female engaging in a video chat with another female of an unknown age who appears to be nude. The minor female is wearing a white and purple striped shirt and is masturbating and spreading her vagina with both hands. Based on my training and experience, the physical appearance of the minor female in the above-described file indicates that she was a prepubescent minor, approximately 10 years old.

b. An approximately 59-second video that depicted a minor female, wearing a blue and white dress, engaging in oral sex with an adult male. The video depicts the adult male placing his penis into the minor female's mouth. Based on my training and experience, the physical appearance of the minor female in the above-described file indicates that she was a prepubescent minor, approximately 5 years old.

c. An approximately 9-second video that depicted a fully nude minor female engaging in penetrative vaginal sex with an adult male. The minor female is sitting on top of the adult male facing away from him. The adult male repeatedly thrusts his penis into the minor female's vagina. Based on my training and experience, the physical appearance of the minor female in the above-described file indicates that she was a prepubescent minor, approximately 5 years old.

d. An approximately 7-second video that depicted a minor female laying on her back with her legs spread next to what appears to be a diaper. The video further depicts an adult male tapping his penis onto the minor female's vagina and engaging in outercourse. The minor female touched the adult male's penis with each

hand at different times during the video. Based on my training and experience, the physical appearance of the minor female in the above-described file indicates that she was a prepubescent minor, approximately 3 years old.

e. An approximately 26-second video that depicted, based on my training and experience, two prepubescent males and one prepubescent female. The prepubescent female depicted in the video performed oral sex on one of the prepubescent males while receiving penetrative sex from the other prepubescent male.

12. According to HSI special agents, the special agents brought BARUANI to an interview room for further questioning. According to HSI special agents, the special agents provided BARUANI with a written *Miranda* waiver. Before the interview began, the HSI special agents stated to BARUANI that English did not appear to be his first language, and the agents told BARUANI to inform them if he did not understand any questions asked of him. BARUANI indicated that he understood, and the interview was conducted in English. BARUANI reviewed and signed the *Miranda* waiver. According to the special agents, in summary and among other things, BARUANI made the following material admissions in substance:

- a. BARUANI resides in Green Bay, Wisconsin.
- b. BARUANI is the sole owner and exclusive user of the Subject Phone.
- c. No person other than BARUANI has the passcode to the Subject Phone.

d. BARUANI received the child pornography materials on a WhatsApp group chat with approximately five other individuals.

e. BARUANI admitted to having viewed some of the child pornography videos on the Subject Phone, including the video described above in paragraph 11(c).

f. BARUANI admitted to knowing that it is illegal to possess photographs or videos of minors under the age of eighteen engaging in sexually explicit acts.

g. BARUANI stated that in or around 2019, police officers came to his home in Wisconsin because of child pornography images that he had sent or received on Facebook.

13. According to HSI special agents, the interview room was equipped with audio and video recording. I do not yet have a copy of the recorded interview.

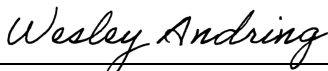
14. According to HSI special agents, based on BARUANI's admissions and the basic border search of the Subject Phone, which identified child pornography, HSI is completing an advanced search based on a reasonable suspicion that the Subject Phone contains a violation of law, namely possession of child pornography.

II. CONCLUSION

15. Based on the above information, there is probable cause to believe that BARUANI knowingly possessed material, namely, a Samsung Galaxy Z Fold7, Model SM-F966U1 mobile phone, which bears serial number RFCY723Y46B and IMEI 354273443823302 that contained an image of child pornography, as defined in Title

18, United States Code, Section 2256(8)(A), that involved a minor, in violation of Title
18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B).

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



WESLEY ANDRING
Special Agent, Internal Revenue Service

SWORN TO AND AFFIRMED by telephone August 28, 2026.



Honorable YOUNG B. KIM
United States Magistrate Judge