

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of New Jersey

United States of America

v.

Marek Cherkaoui

Case No. 25-mj-7064

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 December 2024 through May 2025 in the county of Atlantic in the District of New Jersey, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

18 USC 2261A(2)(B)

Description of Offenses

See Attachment A.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attachment B.

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

Kevin Kowalski

Complainant's signature

FBI SA Kevin Kowalski

Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by

telephone (specify reliable electronic means).

Date: 11/12/2025

Judge's signature

City and state: Camden, New Jersey

Hon. Elizabeth A. Pascal, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

ATTACHMENT A

From in or about December 2024 through in or about May 2025, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

MAREK CHERKAOUI

with the intent to kill, injure, harass, and intimidate another person, and placed under surveillance with the intent to kill, injure, harass, and intimidate another person, used the mail, any interactive computer service and electronic communication service, and electronic systems of interstate commerce, and other facilities of interstate and foreign commerce, to engage in a course of conduct that caused, attempted to cause, and would be reasonably expected to cause substantial emotional distress to a person, to wit, Victim 1.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2261A(2)(B).

ATTACHMENT B

AFFIDAVIT

I, Kevin Kowalski, a Special Agent ("SA") with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), have knowledge of the following facts based on my own investigation and upon conversations with other individuals involved in this investigation. I have not included all of the facts known to me in this affidavit, just those facts which I believe necessary to establish probable cause. Where I assert that an event occurred on a particular date, I am asserting the event occurred on or about the date alleged. Where the contents of statements and conversations of others are set forth in this Affidavit, they are set forth in substance and in part, except where otherwise indicated:

Background on NVEs and 764

1. Nihilistic Violent Extremists (NVEs) are individuals who engage in criminal conduct within the United States and abroad, in furtherance of political, social, or religious goals that derive primarily from a hatred of society at large and a desire to bring about its collapse by sowing indiscriminate chaos, destruction, and social instability. NVEs work individually or as part of a network with these goals of destroying civilized society through the corruption and exploitation of vulnerable populations, which often include minors.

2. NVEs, both individually and as a network, systematically and methodically target vulnerable populations across the United States and the globe. NVEs frequently use social media communication platforms to connect with individuals and desensitize them to violence by, among other things, breaking down societal norms regarding engaging in violence, normalizing the possession, production, and sharing of child sex abuse material ("CSAM") and

gore material, and otherwise corrupting and grooming those individuals towards committing future acts of violence.

3. Those individuals are targeted online, often through synchronized group chats. NVEs frequently conduct coordinated extortions of individuals by blackmailing them so they comply with the demands of the network. These demands vary and include, but are not limited to, self-mutilation, online and in-person sexual acts, harm to animals, sexual exploitation of siblings and others, acts of violence, threats of violence, suicide, and murder.

4. Historically, NVEs systematically targeted vulnerable individuals by grooming, extorting, coercing, and otherwise compelling through force, or the threat of force, the victims to mutilate themselves or do violence, or threaten violence, to others and either film or photograph such activity. The members of the network have edited compilation photographs or videos of targeted individuals, shared the photographs and videos on social media platforms for several reasons, including to gain notoriety amongst members of the network, and spread fear among those targeted individuals for the purpose of accelerating the downfall of society and otherwise achieving the goals of the NVEs.

5. NVE networks have adopted various monikers to identify themselves. The networks have changed names over time, which has led to the creation of related networks. Although the networks change names and use a variety of different social media platforms, the core members and goals remain consistent and align with the overarching threat of NVE.

6. “764” and related groups (“764”) are NVEs who engage in criminal conduct within the United States and engage with other extremists abroad. The 764 network’s accelerationist goals include social unrest and the downfall of the current world order, including the United States Government. Members of 764 work in concert with one another towards a common purpose of destroying civilized society through the corruption and exploitation of vulnerable populations, including minors.

Cherkaoui’s Online Activity

7. Defendant Marek Cherkaoui (“Cherkaoui”) has made numerous online postings explicitly referencing or otherwise related to the 764 ideology, including making threats, soliciting child sex abuse materials from minors, and discussing terroristic acts. Cherkaoui made the comments on Electronic Communication Services Provider 1.

Threats To Individuals Other Than Victim 1¹

8. Cherkaoui has made the following posts on Electronic Communication Services Provider 1 that appear to be threats and/or encouragement of self-harm:

- a. In November 2024, Cherkaoui wrote to one user, “HELLO HYPOCRITE! WE FOUND YOUR CHURCH. WE WILL FIND (YOU) NEXT.”

¹ Cherkaoui’s conduct with respect to Victim 1 is discussed in a separate section below.

b. In November 2024, Cherkaoui encouraged Individual 1 to commit self-harm:

- i. In response to a post in which Individual 1 stated he/she was groomed and sexually harassed, Cherkaoui wrote “YOU DESERVED IT HAHA... IT WILL HAPPEN AGAIN AND AGAIN UNTIL YOU FINALLY COMMIT [suicide].”
- ii. Cherkaoui also told Individual 1, “Next time start at the neck” and “Not deep enough. Cut deeper. I’m offering to send razor blades to your house so you do it right. Also, do it live on camera next time so you get more famous.”
- iii. When Cherkaoui learned that Individual 1 may have committed suicide, he wrote “HEY GUYS IT LOOKS LIKE WE ACTUALLY KILLED A PERSON. [Individual 1] IS FUCKING DEAD HAHA[]” and “My kill count +1.”²

9. Cherkaoui has posted and been accused of posting personal identifying information of other users, referred to as “doxing,” which is often done so that other individuals can use the personal information to harass, threaten, or assault those individuals.

- a. Cherkaoui posted personal information about Individual 2.
- b. Another individual posted that Cherkaoui “doxed [Individual 3’s] grandmother.”

² The FBI is continuing to investigate to determine the identity and status of Individual 1.

10. In November 2024, in a conversation with Individual 4, Cherkaoui wrote “You have to do everything I say, or you will get [d]oxxed. And you WILL have to cut [three letters associated with Cherkaoui’s username] on your thighs. And you will have to do everything I say anyway.” He then threatened, “Do what I tell you or SWAT will be sent straight to your door.”³

11. Individual 4 then accused Cherkaoui of harassing and doxing several other individuals.

12. In December 2024, Cherkaoui told Individual 5 “You need to slit.your.wrists. Then you need to take a picture and send it to me. Do it or I’ll make your life miserable.” He later told Individual 5, “Nothing is stopping me from ambushing you, slicing up your greasy meatsuit, and laying your head on the floor.”

Cherkaoui Has Solicited and Encouraged the Production of Child Sex Abuse Material

13. Cherkaoui has also made multiple posts on Electronic Communications Service Provider 1 expressing an interest in pedophilia and a sexual interest in underage females.

- a. In or about December 2024, Cherkaoui told Individual 6 that “In my state, the age of a minor is 15 and under. The definition changes based on state and country. A word without a real

³ Cherkaoui’s threat to send a SWAT team to the victim’s door appears to be a reference to “swatting” someone, which is when someone makes a fake report to law enforcement of serious crimes at a victim’s residence so that law enforcement officers, often heavily armed, respond to that location.

definition is meaningless.” Cherkaoui further stated “It’s not illegal to be a pedophile. I just want a 13yo trad wife.”⁴ He then wrote “Just because it’s illegal doesn’t always mean it’s wrong” and that “[t]he police usually don’t find out if it’s consensual,” and that “Young girls love sex. It’s normal. It’s completely harmless.”

14. Cherkaoui has also solicited nude photographs from underage females on behalf of himself and others.

a. In December 2024, Cherkaoui asked Individual 7 “Are you sending the pics? Give me a clear answer.” Cherkaoui further stated to Individual 7, “You’re being rude right now and someone might docks [dox] you if you don’t want give [sic] what he wants. Not asking for much You’ll be left alone if you do this. Fair enough? My telegram channel is open.”

b. Individual 7 accused Cherkaoui of “trying to convince me to send n00ds” and stating that he/she was 13-14 years old.

15. In a conversation with Individual 8, Cherkaoui wrote that “the word ‘minor’ is meaningless” and “I just want to see you. Send me a selfie. Let’s start with that.” When Individual 8 refused, Cherkaoui wrote “We know everything about you. We have like 10 people stalking you. You will see soon... Good luck.”

⁴ “Trad wife” is short for “traditional wife,” which refers to a wife who embraces domestic and housekeeping responsibilities and who relies on her husband for financial support.

16. In December 2024, in a conversation that appears to relate to the conversation with Individual 4 discussed above, Individual 9 accused Cherkaoui of “asking for inappropriate pictures from a thirteen-year-old AND being inappropriate with a 12-year-old.”

Cherkaoui’s Discussed and Obtained Materials Related to Potential Terrorist Attacks

17. In December 2024, in a post on Electronic Communications Service Provider 1 regarding school shooter Natalie Rupnow, who murdered two individuals and wounded six others before killing herself at the Abundant Christian Life School on December 16, 2024, Cherkaoui wrote, “Oh my God, she is so attractive. I love her so much” and that “The massacre was god like.”

18. In December 2024, in another post related to Rupnow, Cherkaoui wrote, “Bring ur knife to school. Act normal and relaxed. Do not talk to yourself. Conceal your weapon. Then go up to your rude classmates and STAB THEM right.in.the.neck.”

19. In December 2024, Cherkaoui also posted about making and using an explosive chemical referred to as Triacetone Triperoxide (“TATP”) and called the “Mother of Satan.” TTAP was used in the Manchester Arena bombing in Manchester, England in May 2022, killing 22 people, and an attack at the Kabul Airport in August 2021 that killed 69 Afghans and three United States service members, as well as many other terrorist attacks.

- a. Cherkaoui wrote that TTAP is “good stuff, very easy to make with easily acquirable materials.” Cherkaoui also wrote that “It is best to use steel ball bearings as shrapnel.”

- b. Cherkaoui wrote that TTAP was used in the Manchester Arena and Kabul Airport attack. Cherkaoui also posted a link to a site titled “Baking cookies with ISIS” and that others should “Use VPN or TOR to download this.”

20. Cherkaoui posted links to a site called “Terrorgram Publications” and “Power Grid Sabotage Manual.” Cherkaoui wrote “This material is probably illegal in Europe, so use a VPN, TOR...” Cherkaoui then instructed that the materials should be put on a USB and buried in a hole, “This way the feds cannot find it and incriminate you.”

21. Records obtained from a retailer show that Cherkaoui has purchased the following items and had them delivered to his home in Atlantic County, New Jersey, between December 2022 and April 2025:

- a. Books regarding the manufacture of explosives;
- b. Books regarding interrogation techniques;
- c. Zip tie handcuffs;
- d. A black leather trench coat;
- e. Body armor;
- f. Tactical military-style combat shooting gloves;
- g. Heat resistant tactical clothing; and
- h. Full face balaclava ski masks.

22. The body armor purchased by Cherkaoui was turned over to law enforcement officers.

June 2025 Searches of Cherkaoui and His Home

23. On June 24, 2025, law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at Cherkaoui's home in Atlantic County. Among other items, officers seized electronic devices, a trench coat, a law enforcement slapjack, zip ties, a black combat shirt, cut-resistant gloves, and books on paramilitary topics. That same day, officers also executed a search warrant on Cherkaoui's person and seized the cell phone that he was carrying at the time.

24. The search of Cherkaoui's cellphone uncovered the following:

- a. A text chat dated October 23, 2023 with another individual in which Cherkaoui stated, "Me and Mustafa are going to dox so many . . . trannies."
- b. A note dated November 2022 in which Cherkaoui discussed the end of world.
- c. A note dated May 2023 in which Cherkaoui wrote, "The pentagon employees . . . adhere to FREEMASONRY and DEVIL WORSHIP. The pentagon also runs human trafficking rings . . . All of them deserve to die. Someone should just nuke it or gas it with chemical weapons just fucking everyone inside. Wipe DC off the map . . . The pentagon is a threat to the white race."
- d. A note dated September 2023 in which Cherkaoui wrote, "All hope is lost. I should probably pump my veins full of heroin, snort another line of coke, and blow my brains out. That's a good idea. It's probably going to happen. But not until after I do the thing. First, I need to make my life count by taking others with me."

- e. An internet search for “Weapons used during Columbine.”⁵
- f. Multiple saved bookmarks related to ammunition and mass shootings.

Cherkaoui’s Conduct Since the Searches

25. Records obtained from Electronic Communications Service

Provider 2 show that Cherkaoui obtained a new cellphone and continued to make threatening and disturbing posts online.

- a. On September 21, 2025, Cherkaoui wrote, “send links bruh I need a new plug.” Based on my training and experience, I believe that “plug” is slang for a firearm.
- b. On September 22, 2025, Cherkaoui wrote, “764 is my favorite honestly because the[y] go after . . . minority kids . . . which is awesome... Better for them to be removed when they’re young before they grow up and become a bigger problem They marginalized [i.e., minority] kids are a very good high-value soft target for 764 and the other groups should take note.”
- c. On September 22, 2025, Cherkaoui wrote “brother-in-arms Desmond Holly was in some of these groups. I think terrorgram 764 and others . . . [he] should be honored as a saint.” Desmond Holly shot two students at a Colorado high school on September 10, 2025 before killing himself.

⁵ In 1999, two individuals entered Columbine High School in Colorado and murdered 13 students and one teacher before committing suicide.

- d. On September 22, 2025, Cherkaoui wrote, "The [Star of David emoji] are destroying the world. School [s]hooters are the only good."
- e. On September 22, 2025, Cherkaoui wrote, "Screw this gay little society. It is garbage and does not produce good things. Society deserves to collapse and have all the cancer rooted out so the WHITE RACE can get back on track."
- f. On September 22, 2025, Cherkaoui wrote, "You deserved to get doxxed [doxed] kid. I hope UTPP sends SWAT to your house." (UTPP likely refers to UTube Troll Police, an informal group that targets users on YouTube and other social media platforms.)
- g. On September 22, 2025, Cherkaoui wrote, "764 is good. The grooming victims deserve it."
- h. On September 23, 2025, Cherkaoui wrote, "There's not enough school [s]hootings."
- i. On September 23, 2025, Cherkaoui wrote, "Society must collapse to STOP WHITE GENOCIDE!!! I support all groups mainly 764 and TCC [true crime creators] unleash them let them pray on all marginalized minority children." Cherkaoui then wrote about changing demographics and that "This needs to be counteracted by 764 and TCC influenced individuals removing the foreign children as a form of population control and increasing the White share of the population by removal of other competing ethnic groups."

- j. On September 23, 2025, Cherkaoui wrote, "To overthrow the corrupt government there will need to be alot [sic] of bloodshed because they have made peaceful revolution impossible." He further wrote that "you will need to have a very violent force to make people suppress their biological urges to reproduce."
- k. On September 23, 2025, Cherkaoui wrote, "[Star of David emoji] are destroying the world. school [s]hooters are the only good."
- l. On September 24, 2025, Cherkaoui wrote, "I say screw this gay little society Society needs to be forced to change. And if it doesn't burn it down."
- m. On September 24, 2025, Cherkaoui wrote, "I am a MAP [Minor-Attracted Person] and lolocaust . . . enjoyer." Based on my training and experience, I believe "lolocaust" is an amalgamation of lol and Holocaust and is a term used to express amusement at the Holocaust.
- n. On September 24, 2025, Cherkaoui wrote, "first you need to find the group chat and then initiate yourself and do shit for the group with proof of work."
- o. On September 24, 2025, Cherkaoui wrote, "764 are not pdf files [pedophiles] they are 'cyberbully' group and the kids deserve it."
- p. On September 24, 2025, Cherkaoui wrote, "These groups are the natural expression of high-T [high testosterone] masculinity against

a dysfunctional feministic society. If you never thought about doing a masshooting [sic] before, then you're low-T."

- q. On September 28, 2025, Cherkaoui posted that "Europe is getting invaded too. It has the same problems. In some ways worse than America. The corruption is everywhere. My suggestion has always been to stay where you are and fight. White must win in all their lands..."

Cherkaoui's Threats and Harassment of Victim 1

26. Between December 2024 and May 2025, Victim 1 was a 13-year-old female, who resided in Passaic County. Victim 1's identity is known to law enforcement and Victim 1's identity is anonymized herein for privacy and victim rights purposes.

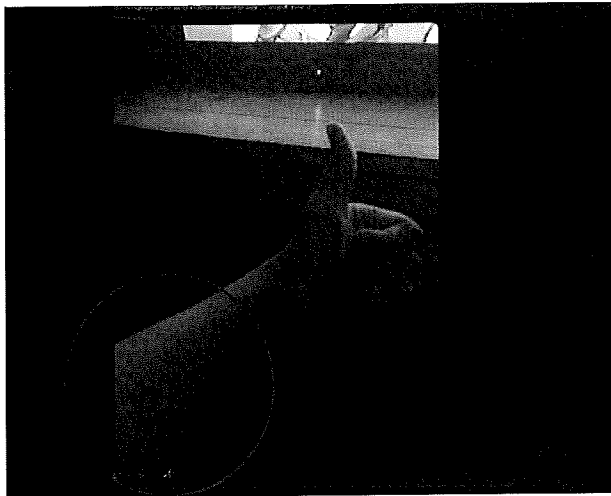
27. Victim 1 communicated with other individuals using internet platforms including Electronic Communications Service Provider 1 and Electronic Communications Service Provider 3. Victim 1 used various usernames and communicated with Cherkaoui on these platforms.

28. In November or December 2024, Cherkaoui began communicating with Victim 1 online. According to Victim 1, Cherkaoui and another individual (CC-1) told Victim 1 that they would "dox" her if she did not cut herself.

29. In December 2024, Victim 1 used a knife to make multiple cuts on her left arm. Victim 1 told law enforcement officers that she was scared of Cherkaoui and feared that he would dox her.

30. In December 2024, Victim 1 posted online that she believed she was one of Cherkaoui's victims, writing "I'm one of his victims, I think."

31. On January 13, 2025, Victim 1 posted a photograph of her left arm showing what appeared to be healing cuts.



32. Victim 1 wrote the following in the post accompanying the photograph of her arm:

- a. I want to say I'm sorry for listenining to [Cherkaoui] for cutting myself I know you guys are trying to get me out of the situation.. but I don't wanna get doxxed because I'm scared because this world is a fucked up place I shouldn't just blocked them or ignored them but they keep getting in my head about all those hurtful words to my head I don't wanna tell my parents I'm might get in trouble.. let me say it again I'm sorry for doing these stupid shit i shouldn't hurt myself because that is wrong to do please don't be mad or upset what am I'm talking about I don't want [Cherkaoui] to comment.. I didn't deserve this crap or even being called fat by

[Cherkaoui] this hurt so much now I must take responsibility of what I'm doing for the people who mentioned me in a community post and videos I wanna say..... thank you :)

- b. Victim 1 also posted "I blocked [Cherkaoui] . . . soooooo we're cool now?"

33. In a subsequent series of posts, Cherkaoui wrote to Victim 1:

- a. Let me guess, you are fat? Hahaha actually I already know you're fat. Time to start cutting yourself again. Punish yourself for being so fat. Don't' ever stop cutting until you lose some weight. Fat fat fatty fat retard fatty. You need to slit your wrists.
- b. Victim 1 responded to Cherkaoui and wrote, "IM NOT GONNA DO IT AGAIN JUST BECAUSE YOUR PUNISHING ME."
- c. Cherkaoui wrote back, "Make cuts. DO it now."

34. In a different post, Cherkaoui told Victim 1, "Not deep enough press harder next time. I know you're young but the other girls still do better than you."

35. In a separate post, Cherkaoui told another user, "You can go after [Victim 1] again if you want. Maker her cut deeper."

36. In a post dated March 1, 2025, Victim 1 wrote, "I'm doing pretty well but also I'm happy that [Cherkaoui's] channel got taken down!" She also wrote "I'm free . . NO MORE HARMING MYSELF."

37. Victim 1 told law enforcement officers that these posts related to Electronic Communications Service Provider 3 removing Cherkaoui's channel.

38. According to Victim 1, in May 2025, Cherkaoui and CC-1 harassed and threatened her again. They threatened to dox her unless she cut herself again. Victim 1 again felt threatened by Cherkaoui and CC-1.

39. Cherkaoui directed a post to Victim 1 that included a link to a channel on Electronic Communications Provider 3 and wrote "YOU NEED TO DO IT AGAIN. THIS TIME DO IT LIVE ON CAMERA."

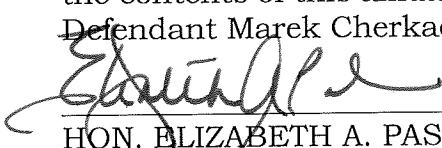
40. In response to and because of the threats, Victim 1 joined Cherkaoui's channel and filmed herself making multiple cuts on her right arm.

41. Victim 1 then decided to delete her online accounts. After she did that, Cherkaoui doxed her by posting information online about her family, residence, and school (although some of that information was incorrect).

Kevin Kowalski

KEVIN KOWALSKI
Special Agent, FBI

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1, SA Kowalski was sworn and attested to the contents of this affidavit in support of the complaint and arrest warrant for Defendant Marek Cherkaoui.


HON. ELIZABETH A. PASCAL
United States Magistrate Judge

Date: November 12, 2025