

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Joseph A. Dickson
v. : Mag. No. 17-6680
STEPHEN SALAMAK : **CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**


I, Isidro Cruz, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

SEE ATTACHMENT A

I further state that I am a Special Agent with the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations, and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHMENT B

continued on the attached pages and made a part hereof.

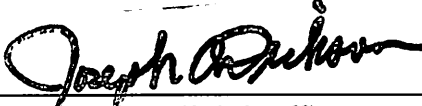


Special Agent Isidro Cruz
Department of Homeland Security,
Homeland Security Investigations

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

October 19, 2017 at Essex County, New Jersey
Date County and State

Honorable Joseph A. Dickson
United States Magistrate Judge
Name and Title of Judicial Officer



Signature of Judicial Officer

ATTACHMENT A

On or about May 21, 2017, in Bergen County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant

STEPHEN SALAMAK

did knowingly receive child pornography, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8)(A), that had been mailed, and using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(2)(A) and 2252A(b)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

ATTACHMENT B

I, Isidro Cruz, am a Special Agent with the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations. I am fully familiar with the facts set forth herein based on my own investigation, my conversations with other law enforcement officers, and my review of reports, documents, and items of evidence. Where statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and part. Because this complaint is being submitted for a limited purpose, I have not set forth each and every fact that I know concerning this investigation. Where I assert that an event took place on a particular date, I am asserting that it took place on or about the date alleged.

Background

1. At all times relevant to this Complaint, defendant Stephen Salamak ("SALAMAK") was a resident of Lodi, New Jersey. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Stephen Salamak was employed as a corrections officer at East Jersey State Prison in Rahway, New Jersey.

The Investigation

2. In or about May 2017, a law enforcement officer working in an undercover capacity (the "UC") responded to a Craigslist personals advertisement placed by SALAMAK entitled "Woman/Moms that are into Cheese Pizza" which sought to connect with mothers who were "into perverted topics."

3. The UC responded to the Craigslist ad and engaged in email communications with SALAMAK. In those emails, SALAMAK discussed a potential meeting with the UC and her 8 year old daughter. As part of the communications, SALAMAK stated to the UC that his name was "Steven" and forwarded a clothed image of himself. SALAMAK also requested an image of the 8 year old child and asked, "What gets her in the mood? Porn on tv or internet?"

4. SALAMAK told the UC that he lived in Bergen County and asked to continue their communications via telephone and text message, which they did. SALAMAK provided the UC with a cell phone number that is registered to SALAMAK.

5. In or about July 2017, law enforcement officers executed a lawfully obtained search warrant on an email address that SALAMAK provided to the UC (the "Gmail Account"). A review of the emails contained in the Gmail Account revealed that SALAMAK communicated with multiple individuals regarding an interest in pedophilia and child pornography.

6. As only one example, on or about May 21, 2017, SALAMAK sent an email to an individual ("Individual 1") stating, in part, "Amazing stepdaughter...I

don't have a stepdaughter or daughter so I don't have my own work." SALAMAK indicated masturbating to pictures online and wrote, "I wish I could see better I guess I'm asking for a freebie." He added, "Hope to u can send some real nice ones, if not its cool no biggie."

7. In response, on or about May 21, 2017, SALAMAK received an email from Individual 1 with five attachments, as described below:

FILENAME	DESCRIPTION
Screenshot_2017-05-16-19-58-18.png	An image of what appears to be a minor aged female with her shirt lifted to expose her chest. The image appears to have been taken from a concealed position.
2017-04-04 09.36-51.png	An image of what appears to be a minor aged female in a bathroom, exiting a bathtub with her bare vaginal area exposed. The image appears to have been taken from a concealed position and part of a fifty second recorded video.
2017-04-04 09.36.16.png	An image of what appears to be a minor aged female with the lower portion of her body just below her navel fully exposed to include the bare vaginal area. The image appears to have been taken from a concealed position.
2017-05-09-10-34-57.png	An image of what appears to be a minor aged female fully unclothed and bent over a bathtub exposing her buttocks, vaginal region, and breast on her left side. The image appears to have been taken from a concealed position.
Screenshot_2017-04-02-07-36-42.png	An image of what appears to be a minor aged female in a children's playroom or bedroom with the lower portion of her body just below her navel fully exposed to include the child touching her vaginal area. The image appears to have been taken from a concealed position. The background of the image includes a toy princess castle.

8. Individual 1 then emailed SALAMAK a warning that certain email providers "will ban you for illegal pics." SALAMAK responded, in part, "as far as pic, I don't send [reference to prepubescent hard core child pornography] on gmail, I send borderline stuff like this." SALAMAK then sent Individual 1 an email with image attachments of child erotica.

9. On or about October 19, 2017, law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at defendant SALAMAK's residence in Lodi, New Jersey (the "residence"). At the residence, law enforcement discovered computer equipment belonging to defendant SALAMAK. A preliminary forensic review of these devices by law enforcement revealed images of child erotica.

10. During and after the search of the residence, and after being advised of his Miranda rights, defendant SALAMAK admitted to law enforcement officers, among other things, in substance and in part, that: (1) he placed the Craigslist advertisement referenced in paragraph 2 above and that "Cheese Pizza" was a reference to child pornography, (2) he engaged in the communications with the UC referenced in paragraph 3 above; (3) he has knowingly received emails containing child pornography; and (4) he has knowingly communicated with various individuals online regarding child pornography and pedophilia.

11. Based upon my education, training and experience, and my discussions with other law enforcement officers, and to the best of my knowledge, the images described in paragraph 7 above traveled in interstate commerce because they were transmitted to SALAMAK via Internet-based email.