AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Rhode Island

United States of America
v.
Joseph L. Mello III

Case No. 1:26-mj-50-AEM

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 January 6, 2026-April 15, 2026 in the county of Providence in the _____ District of Rhode Island, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section	*Offense Description*
18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a), 2251(e)	Attempted Production of Child Pornography
18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2)	Receipt of Child Pornography
18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)	Possession of and Access with Intent to View Child Pornography
18 U.S.C. § 1466A(a)	Production of Obscene Visual Representations of the Sexual Abuse of Children

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See affidavit of Nicholas Nunes, Department of Homeland Security Investigations Task Force Officer

☑ Continued on the attached sheet.

Complainant's signature

Nicholas Nunes -HSI Task Force Officer

Printed name and title

Sworn telephonically and signed electronically

Date: November 6, 2026

Judge's signature

City and state: Providence, RI

U.S. Magistrate Judge Amy E. Moses

Printed name and title