

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

DEREK HASSELBRINK,  
a/k/a "Derek Spear"

Defendant.

24 MS 2207

COMPLAINT

Violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2422(b) and  
2260A.

COUNTY OF OFFENSE:  
DUTCHESS

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, ss.:

PAO MEI FISHER, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), and charges as follows:

COUNT ONE

**(Coercion and Enticement of a Minor)**

1. From at least in or about April 2023 up to on or about July 2, 2023, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, DEREK HASSELBRINK, a/k/a "Derek Spear," the defendant, knowingly, using facilities and means of interstate and foreign commerce, persuaded, induced, enticed and coerced an individual who had not attained the age of 18 years to engage in sexual activity for which a person can be charged with a criminal offense, to wit, DEREK HASSELBRINK, a/k/a "Derek Spear," the defendant, in online communications and text messages, persuaded, induced, enticed and coerced a 15-year-old minor ("Victim-1") to engage in sexual activity with HASSELBRINK in Dutchess County, New York.

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

COUNT TWO

**(Penalties for Registered Sex Offenders)**

2. From at least in or about April 2023 up to and including on or about July 2, 2023, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, DEREK HASSELBRINK, a/k/a "Derek Spear," the defendant, being required by Federal and other law to register as a sex offender, committed a felony offense involving a minor under Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422, to wit, the violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b) charged in Count One of this Complaint.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 2260A.)

The bases for my knowledge and for the foregoing charges are, in part, as follows:

3. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”), assigned to the Hudson Valley Resident Agency. I have been a Special Agent with the FBI since January 2017. I have participated in numerous investigations involving crimes against children, including the receipt, possession, and/or distribution of child pornography by electronic means, sexual exploitation, and enticement of minors. I have gained expertise in these areas through training and daily work related to conducting these types of investigations.

4. I have been personally involved in the investigation of this matter. This affidavit is based upon my conversations with law enforcement officers and others, and my examination of reports and records. Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause, it does not include all the facts that I have learned during the course of my investigation. Where the contents of documents and the actions, statements and conversations of others are reported herein, they are reported in substance and in part, except where otherwise indicated.

5. On or about March 18, 2024, the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office (“DCSO”) requested assistance from the FBI concerning an investigation relating to DEREK HASSELBRINK, a/k/a “Derek Spear,” the defendant.

6. Based on my conversations with other members of law enforcement and my review of criminal history records, I am aware that DEREK HASSELBRINK, a/k/a “Derek Spear,” the defendant, who is 48 years old, was convicted on or about October 25, 1999, in the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura, of Unlawful Sexual Intercourse with a Minor, in violation of California Penal Code Section 261.5(c), and sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 2 years. As a result of this conviction, HASSELBRINK is required to register as a sex offender.

7. Based on multiple interviews with a minor female (“Victim-1”), I learned the following, in substance and in part:

a. In or around April 2023, Victim-1 met HASSELBRINK on Instagram. Specifically, HASSELBRINK “followed” Victim-1 first and initiated conversation, and as a result, Victim-1 “followed” HASSELBRINK back.

b. After briefly communicating via Instagram, Victim-1 and HASSELBRINK added each other on Snapchat to communicate on that application instead.

c. Based on information provided to Victim-1 by HASSELBRINK, Victim-1 believed that HASSELBRINK was a 17-year-old male named “Derek Spear.” Victim-1 told HASSELBRINK her true age—15 years old at the time—which was also stated in the biography portion of Victim-1’s Instagram page.

d. After communicating with each other for a short time, Victim-1 and HASSELBRINK started “dating.” Specifically, although Victim-1 and HASSELBRINK had not met in person at the time, they considered themselves to be in a relationship with one another.

e. Victim-1 stated, in substance and in part, that HASSELBRINK came in person to meet her near her home in Dutchess County, New York. When HASSELBRINK arrived at her residence (“Residence-1”), Victim-1 had HASSELBRINK park in the lot outside of her apartment building and she went outside and got into HASSELBRINK’s vehicle. Shortly thereafter, one of Victim-1’s siblings came out of Residence-1 and into the parking lot, which caused HASSELBRINK to drive away quickly from the parking lot after Victim-1 exited HASSELBRINK’s vehicle. Later that same day, HASSELBRINK returned to the same parking lot and Victim-1 met him.

f. Victim-1 provided law enforcement with information concerning her cellphone number, Instagram accounts, and Snapchat accounts she used to communicate with HASSELBRINK.

8. Based on my conversations with a police officer for the City of Quincy, Illinois (“Officer-1”), I am aware that, on or about February 15, 2024, Officer-1 received a tip that DEREK HASSELBRINK, a/k/a “Derek Spear,” the defendant, was residing in Quincy, IL, but had not registered as a sex offender in that area. Later that day, Officer-1 located HASSELBRINK at his workplace and placed HASSELBRINK under arrest. At the time of HASSELBRINK’s arrest, Officer-1 seized from HASSELBRINK a cellphone (“Phone-1”).

9. On or about March 3, 2024, Officer-1 acquired a search warrant in Adams County, IL, for Phone-1 for evidence of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. On or about March 7, 2024, Officer-1 began a manual review of Phone-1. During that review, Officer-1 observed a contact in Phone-1 that was saved under the name “[Victim-1’s first name]-girlfriend-15” (“Contact-1”). Officer-1 observed that the text message conversation with Contact-1 was indicative of a romantic relationship, including but not limited to discussions of showering with one another via video calls and DEREK HASSELBRINK, a/k/a “Derek Spear,” the defendant, sending the Contact-1 several pictures of an adult male penis. The text message conversation also included messages suggesting that HASSELBRINK had traveled to New York to meet with Contact-1, including but not limited to text messages sent from HASSELBRINK to Contact-1 on or about July 2, 2023, stating “I’m 5 minutes from you now” and “I don’t know where you want me to go but I’m parked in a parking lot at your complex.”

10. On or about March 8, 2024, Officer-1 acquired a search warrant in Adams County, IL, for Phone-1 for evidence of the criminal offenses of Traveling to Meet a Minor, Harmful Material, and Indecent Solicitation of a Child.

11. I have reviewed material extracted from Phone-1, including but not limited to hundreds of pictures of what appear to be young girls, including pictures that appear to be Victim-1 wearing clothing and hundreds of close-up pictures of vaginas, and hundreds of text messages and Snapchat messages exchanged with Victim-1 from in or about May 2023 to February 2024.

12. Based on my involvement in this investigation, and my review of text messages exchanged between Contact-1 and HASSELBRINK, I know that on or about June 19, 2023, HASSELBRINK sent Victim-1 a text message that reads: “I want to fuck your tight little pussy hard and deep and fast baby girl [heart emoji]”.

13. Based on my review of Snapchat messages extracted from Phone-1, I am aware that, in the early morning hours on or about June 27, 2023, the following exchanges occurred between Phone-1 and the Snapchat account used by Victim-1 at the time:

Phone-1: "Just to let you know, I have a really high sexual drive and I tend to want to have sex a couple of times a day if I'm with a girl and I hope it's not too much for you if we end up together"

Victim-1: "how would you have sex with me when we are so far apart"

Victim-1: "and I would be down to do that"

Phone-1: "I can always drive to you and see you whenever I want or whenever you want"

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Phone-1: "You are so pretty that I hope you would be able to keep up with me sexually if we end up doing it"

Victim-1: "I can most definitely try my love"

Phone-1: "I know that I am very good sexually and just to let you know I do have a 10 inch long and 1 inch thick dick.v [sic] I'm just warning you ahead of time"

Victim-1: "damn"

Phone-1: "I don't want my dick to hurt you so if it is too much please tell me beautiful"

Victim-1: "well you would have to fuck me for me to know if it hurts or not"

Phone-1: "Yes I know that. I promise you that I would definitely wear you out and drain you"

Victim-1: "okay daddy"

Phone-1: "Do you want to see a picture of my dick so you can see I'm telling the truth?"

Victim-1: "sure my love"

Victim-1: "damn daddy [emoji]"

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Phone-1: "Will you call me Daddy when we have sex please?"

Victim-1: "yes my love"

Phone-1: "Have you ever had multiple orgasms? That is when you keep cumming over and over again back to back"

Victim-1: "no"

Phone-1: "Then I will have to make you have multiple orgasms every time we do it is that okay?"

Victim-1: "i have never cum not even when i got fucked and ok daddy"

Phone-1: "I promise you you will cum at least a dozen times until you cannot cum anymore okay?"

Victim-1: "okay daddy"

Phone-1: "I really want you so bad right now baby"

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Phone-1: "I want to do so many things with you to make you feel good baby. I want to enjoy your body for days at a time"

Victim-1: "ok daddy come see me this summer if we get together and you can"

Phone-1: "Okay baby I will."

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Victim-1: "i wish you was here"

Phone-1: "I wish I was there too baby. Do you want me to cum inside of you or do you want me to pull out when we do it baby? I don't know if you want me to get you pregnant or not"

Victim-1: "i want you to cum in me because i'm probably gonna be on birth control before we fuck"

Phone-1: "Okay baby. I will fill you up with so much cum that it will flow out of your pussy okay baby?"

Victim-1: "and would you stay if i got pregnant with your baby"

Phone-1: "Yes I would definitely stay with you baby and we can raise our baby together. Is that okay?"

Phone-1: "I would love you to be pregnant with our baby my love"

Victim-1: "cuz if you got me pregnant you and me would mostly have to get married"

Phone-1: "I would love to marry you and be with you forever baby. Can we have more than one baby?"

Victim-1: "probably my love"

Phone-1: "Okay my love?"

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Phone-1: "I really would like you not to be on birth control when we have sex I love. Is that okay?"

Victim-1: "ok daddy"

14. Based on my review of text messages extracted from Phone-1, I know that on or about June 29, 2023, HASSELBRINK sent Contact-1 a message that reads: "I want your tight little pussy baby".

15. Based on my review of open source databases available to law enforcement, including Department of Motor Vehicle records, License Plate Reader data, and photographs from the apartment complex in which the Residence is located, I am aware that DEREK HASSELBRINK, a/k/a "Derek Spear," the defendant, is the registered owner of a gold 2005 Chevrolet sedan bearing Illinois registration ("Vehicle-1"), and that Vehicle-1 was in the vicinity of Residence-1 on or about July 2, 2023.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that DEREK HASSELBRINK, a/k/a "Derek Spear," the defendant, be imprisoned or bailed, as the case may be.

*Isi Pao Mei Fisher by JCM w/permission*  
PAO MEI FISHER  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to me through the transmission of this  
Complaint by reliable electronic means, pursuant to  
Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 41(d)(3) and 4.1,  
this 10th day of June 2024

*Quentin P. McCarty*  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK