

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	 <u>COMPLAINT</u>	25 ms 2616
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-v-	:	Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)	
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DANIEL ALAN MONARCHI,	:	COUNTY OF OFFENSE:	
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Defendant.	:		
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, ss.:

WILLIAM LAHAM, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and charges as follows:

COUNT ONE
(Sexual Exploitation of a Child)

From at least on or about September 30, 2024 through at least October 29, 2024, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, DANIEL ALAN MONARCHI, the defendant, employed, used, persuaded, induced, enticed, and coerced a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct and for the purpose of transmitting a live visual depiction of such conduct, knowing and having reason to know that such visual depiction would be transported and transmitted using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce and mailed, and the visual depiction was produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means including by computer, and the visual depiction was actually transported and transmitted using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce and mailed, to wit, MONARCHI induced a 14-year minor in Bronx, New York ("Victim-1") to engage in sexually explicit conduct, video record the conduct, and transmit the videos to him via the internet.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a) and (e).)

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

1. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), assigned to the FBI's New York Field Office. I have been employed by the FBI since December 2022. I have participated in numerous investigations into the sexual exploitation and enticement of children and the production, receipt, possession, and/or distribution of child pornography by electronic means.

I have gained expertise in these areas through training and daily work related to conducting and participating in these investigations.

2. Based on my review of records from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (“NCMEC”), I am aware that, in or about October 2024, NCMEC received a Cybertip, numbered 201744639 (“Cybertip-1”), from the sister of a 14-year-old minor (“Victim-1”). The sister advised that she had discovered that Victim-1 was speaking with an adult male on Discord with the username, “mrteacherman.” The sister reported that Victim-1 and the adult male had spoken sexually and exchanged nude photos, and that the conversation made her concerned.

3. On or about August 1, 2025, Victim-1 was interviewed by a forensic interviewer in New York and I was present for the interview. The interview was video-recorded and I have also reviewed the recording. Based on my review, I am aware that Victim-1 stated the following, in substance and part:

a. While in the Bronx, Victim-1 communicated on an online platform (“Platform-1”) with a man who messaged her and claimed to be a seventh-grade teacher in New York. After exchanging messages on Platform-1, they moved their conversation to Discord. The man’s Discord username was “mrteacherman.” They spoke via Discord for about a month.

b. Victim-1 never met “mrteacherman” in real life, but he spoke about meeting “hypothetically” and said that he wished she was a student at his school. Victim-1 and “mrteacherman” spoke via Discord mostly at night and he messaged her during the day when she was at school. “Mrteacherman” asked Victim-1 for nude pictures of Victim-1.

c. “Mrteacherman” sent Victim-1 images of his penis as well as a “selfie” of his face.

4. On or about August 1, 2025, I spoke to Victim-1’s parents and obtained their consent to access and review Victim-1’s Discord account.

5. On or about August 13, 2025, a law enforcement officer (“Officer-1”) who is specially trained in the forensic examination of digital material, accessed Victim-1’s Discord account and extracted communications between Victim-1 and a Discord user, “mrteacherman.” Officer-1 provided me with these communications and I have reviewed them. Based on my review of the communications between Victim-1 and “mrteacherman,” I am aware that the communications recovered from Victim-1’s Discord account between Victim-1 and “mrteacherman” occurred from on or about September 30, 2024 through on or about October 29, 2024. During these communications, all of which occurred when Victim-1 was 14 years old, Victim-1 transmitted photos and videos, including sexually explicit videos, to “mrteacherman.” The communications between Victim-1 and “mrteacherman” included the following, in substance and in part:

a. On or about September 30, 2024, at approximately 11:28 p.m., “mrteacherman.” wrote, “I teach 7th grade” and “I’m a social studies special Ed teacher.” At

approximately 11:30 p.m., Victim-1 wrote, “ud dead be every girls crush at my school smhhh (me included but shhhhh_.” “[M]rteacherman.” responded, “Oop, am I yours? Oh really?”

b. On or about September 30, 2024, at approximately 11:35 p.m., Victim-1 wrote, “lollzzz, im asking friends to send phoyos they hsve of me rn cuz I dead have nothin on this thing.” “[M]rteacherman.” replied, “is there a camera on it? Can you take new pics?” Victim-1 replied, “sure ;p.” At approximately 11:46 p.m., Victim-1 asked “So I know that u think im hot, do you crush or get off to any of ur students?” “[M]rteacherman.” told her, “None of my current students nah tbh. They’re really young 7th graders this year.” At approximately 11:49 p.m., “mrteacherman.” told Victim-1 that “you’re special” and “You can be all mine without having to be one of my kids,” and added an emoji of a smiley face with its tongue sticking out.

c. On or about October 1, 2024, at approximately 12:03 a.m., Victim-1 asked, “what would u do if u caught me playing with myself in ur class?” “[M]rteacherman.” replied, “I’d smile at it and say nothing aloud in class, but at the end of class I’d tell you to stay after with me and I’d show you exactly the places that you are looking for. Not gonna lie, I actually love eating” and sent a smiley face emoji with a winky face and tongue sticking out. “[M]rteacherman.” added, “so you’re gonna be my after school snack.”

d. On or about October 1, 2024, at approximately 12:08 a.m., “mrteacherman.” replied, “I like how you look with the phone. I like how you look in general, cutie.” “[M]rteacherman.” sent Victim-1 a photo (“Photo-1”) and asked, “you’re an 8th grader?” Victim-1 responded, “mhm.” At approximately 12:14 a.m., “mrteacherman.” transmitted another photo to Victim-1 (“Photo-2”) and wrote, “I want you to imagine how I’d feel.” At approximately 12:27 a.m., “mrteacherman.” wrote, “I’d be so deep inside you rn if I was there.. I’d be fucking your wet pussy gently at first then hard and fast and deep. I’d fill you up and leave you dripping with cum.” At approximately 12:33 a.m., “mrteacherman.” told Victim-1 that he “need[ed] to be up for school tomorrow so I have to go to bed now” and told Victim-1, “you’re a sexy girl and I want you to know that.” Victim-1 said she was sorry for keeping him up so late and asked if “u still wanna talk after tonight?” “[M]rteacherman.” replied, “know that if I was there, you be dripping with my cum rn” and said “I’ll maybe chat with you later on, yes! (I don’t typically use this disc all that often.” Victim-1 replied, “ah ok!” “[M]rteacherman.” replied, “this is a burner account for my own insulated safety, no offense.”

e. On or about October 3, 2024, at approximately 3:44 p.m., following discussion about “mrteacherman.”’s delayed reply to a message from Victim-1, “mrteacherman.” told Victim-1, “Like I said, this is not my normal discord account and I don’t always leave this logged in because it’s obviously not ideal to have this accessible.”

f. On or about October 20, 2024, at approximately 12:42 a.m., “mrteacherman.” told Victim-1, “if I wanted to, I bet I could fuck one of your classmates in front of you while you sit there masturbating to us wanting to feel me inside you.” At approximately 12:43 a.m., “mrteacherman.” asked Victim-1 if she had “any sexy classmates that you think I’d like?” After Victim-1 referred to some of her friends, “mrteacherman.” asked if she had “any pictures of your crew?” and added an emoji of a smiling face with a tongue sticking out.

g. On or about October 20, 2024, at approximately 10:33 p.m., Victim-1 wrote, "I would bake for u all the time, smh. literally wife me up." "[M]rteacherman." responded, "you're literally too young rn for me to do that. Get older a few years and it won't be as sketchy for me to do that." Victim-1 replied, "ive sent you nudes, i personally think were past sketchy."

h. On or about October 20, 2024, at approximately 11:03 p.m., Victim-1 wrote, "aweeee. u flatter me. is it bad id let you kidnap me." "[M]rteacherman." replied, "is it bad I kinda want to?" Victim-1 replied, "mh hh, yeah but like who cares yk?" "[M]rteacherman." replied, "full honestly, [Victim-1's nickname], I'm feeling very horny rn." At approximately 11:09 p.m., "mrteacherman." told Victim-1, "I wanna see you topless and then I wanna see you playing with yourself and I wanna see your face as you do. I want to see you experience that joy. I want to know how much I'm affecting you rn." Victim-1 replied, "stripping rn for you." "[M]rteacherman." replied, "I want to see you strip." Victim-1 responded, "filming rn lolz." Beginning at approximately 11:16 p.m., Victim-1 then sent "mrteacherman." three videos ("Video-1," "Video-2," and "Video-3").

i. On or about October 22, 2024, at approximately 7:57 p.m., Victim-1 asked "mrteacherman.," "whyd you delete the selfieu sent to me :(((." "[M]rteacherman." replied, "maybe you'll be interested in seeing me tonight? (as a legit teacher I feel nervous about having my face out there tbh)."

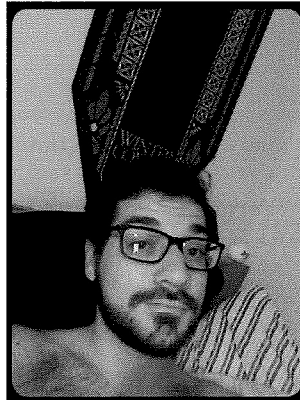
j. On or about October 22, 2024, at approximately 10:38 p.m., "mrteacherman." sent a photo ("Photo-3") to Victim-1 and wrote, "you're welcome:P." At approximately 10:55 p.m., "mrteacherman." told Victim-1, "I want you to put your fingers inside and find your clit. Rub it for me and think about how good you feel." Then, at approximately 10:56 p.m., "mrteacherman." sent Victim-1 a photo ("Photo-4"). "[M]rteacherman." told Victim-1, "Think about how deep I'd push into your wet sloppy pussy. How I'd grab you as I thrust into you. How we'd find a rhythm as our hips collide again and again. As I pound into you deeply and harder and harder. That wet slapping sound as I slide in and out of you again and again." "[M]rteacherman." said, "I want you to cum for me, I want you to cum for me in a video." At approximately 11:00 p.m., "mrteacherman." told Victim-1, "I wanna see you I wanna watch you cum for me." Victim-1 replied, "okay" and "mrteacherman." wrote, "Show me how special you are. Show me why you deserve an A+." At approximately 11:04 p.m., Victim-1 sent a video to "mrteacherman." ("Video-4"). At approximately 11:08 p.m., "mrteacherman." wrote, "you're gonna take a sexy picture in the bathroom for me at school tomorrow because you're mine. My little teacher pet."

6. Based on my review of the photos and videos transmitted between Victim-1 and "mrteacherman." during the communications between Victim-1 and "mrteacherman.," I am aware that:

a. Photo-1: This photo depicts what appears to be the clothed crotch area of an individual wearing a pair of grey boxers with a blue waistband. The individual's hand is on his boxers on his crotch area.

b. Photo-2: This photo appears to depict the same clothed crotch area of the boxers that appear in Photo-1. The photo shows a hand underneath the boxers and appears to be touching the male's crotch.

c. Photo-3: This photo appears to be a "selfie" that depicts the naked chest and the face of a male. Photo-3 appears below:



d. Photo-4: This photo depicts a male's erect penis. There is a hand holding the penis. The male appears to be sitting to be on what appear to be the same striped bedsheets as the bedsheets that are visible in Photo-3.

e. Video-1: This video, which is approximately 13 seconds in duration, depicts a female, who I recognize from the interview of Victim-1 to be Victim-1, taking off her shirt and touching her naked breasts.

f. Video-2: This video, which is approximately 30 seconds in duration, depicts Victim-1 from the waist up. Victim-1 is lying on her side. She is naked and touching her breasts with one hand. Her other hand appears to be reaching below off-screen toward her genital area.

g. Video-3: This video, which is approximately 37 seconds in duration, depicts Victim-1 lying on her back. She is naked with her breasts and genitals exposed. She has one hand on her breast and, with the other hand, she is stroking her genital area moving her finger back and forth.

h. Video-4: This video, which is approximately 28 seconds in duration, depicts Victim-1 lying on her back. She is naked with her breasts and genitals exposed. She uses one hand to stroke her genital area, as she inserts her fingers into and out of her vagina.

7. Based on my review of records from NCMEC, I am aware that, in or about July 2025, NCMEC received a Cybertip, numbered 215255954 ("Cybertip-2"), from Discord concerning an account with the username "mrteacherman." In connection with Discord's report to NCMEC, Discord provided NCMEC with various communications that occurred from on or about February 3, 2025 through on or about March 2, 2025 between "mrteacherman." and a

Discord user using the screenname, “un1cornsparklefart.” I am aware that on Discord, no two users can have the same username.

8. I have reviewed the material provided by NCMEC in connection with Cybertip-2. Based on my review of the communications, I am aware that they include the following, in substance and in part:

a. On or about February 3, 2025, at approximately 11:37 p.m., “mrteacherman.” wrote, “So I’m gonna delete my pics from that GC with us all. At least, any with my face.” At approximately 11:39 p.m., “mrteacherman.” replied, “I mean.... If you’re interested in ever chatting or stuff like that, I’m down.”¹

b. On or about February 4, 2025, at approximately 6:11 p.m., “mrteacherman.” wrote, “I 100% promise I will never like download or save any of your pictures,” and added, “you’re safe with me. I would never try to leak you or anything like that, that’d be just awful.” “[M]rteacherman.” wrote, “And I don’t want to say this because like I don’t think you will... But I hope that you won’t save anything that I send either, it’s not like I’m going out of my way to really delete stuff, but like this is just for us right?”

c. On or about February 11, 2025, at approximately 12:41 p.m., “mrteacherman.” wrote, “I should be able to leave for home right after school tho.” “Un1cornsparklefart” replied, “yay!!” “[M]rteacherman.” replied, “like my classroom?” “Un1cornsparklefart” replied, “is there a picture?” “[M]rteacherman.” replied, “gotta teach. Talk later” and sent “un1cornsparklefart” a photo (“Photo-5”).

d. On or about February 14, 2025, at approximately 9:56 p.m., “mrteacherman.” said “I’m 25” and “26 in a little more than a month.”

9. Based on my review of Photo-5, I am aware that this photo depicts what appears to be an empty school classroom filled with desks and chairs. The photo captures the back corner of the classroom. There is a window with a white frame and white grills on the window glass, through which another building is visible. That building appears to be part of the same school building, based on its proximity and similarity of window design. The building that appears through the window appears to be made of stone with various neutral grey colors. The windows have a white frame and white grills on the window glass.

10. On or about July 28, 2025, a 13-year-old child (“Victim-2”) was interviewed by a forensic interviewer in Indiana. The interview was video-recorded and I have watched the recording. Based on my review of the recording, I am aware that Victim-2 reported the following, in substance and in part:

a. Victim-2 had a Discord account with a user name that was something like “unicorn sparkle fart” until Discord deactivated her account in or about June 2025.

¹ I am aware that the term “GC” is commonly used to refer to a Group Chat.

b. While Victim-2's Discord account was active, a friend of Victim-2's ("Victim-3") introduced her to "mrteacherman." on Discord by adding Victim-2 to a group chat with "mrteacherman." Victim-2 knew "mrteacherman." as "Dan" and understood that he was 26 years old and a teacher in New York.

c. Victim-2 and "mrteacherman." began messaging on Discord. "[M]rteacherman." described what he wanted to do sexually with Victim-2 and Victim-3. He made statements like "I'd make you stay after class to earn 'extra credit.'"

d. On numerous occasions, "mrteacherman." sent Victim-2 photos of his penis. He sent the photos of his penis to Victim-2 throughout the day and night. He also sent Victim-2 videos of him masturbating. Victim-2 believed that "mrteacherman." took the photos and videos in his apartment or house and in his parents' house.

e. Victim-2 sent "mrteacherman." a photo of her vagina when she was 12 years old. She also sent him photos of her naked breasts and buttocks, and photos of her in underwear. "[M]rteacherman." would "like" or "heart" the photos when he viewed them.

11. On or about June 18, 2025, Victim-3, then 14 years old, was interviewed by a Special Agent of the FBI ("Agent-1") in South Carolina. Based on my conversations with Agent-1 and review of Agent-1's report of that interview, I am aware that Victim-3 reported, in substance and in part, that she communicated on Discord with an individual who used the username "mrteacherman." "Mrteacherman" was really sexual and wanted to role play, so Victim-3 eventually blocked him.

12. I have reviewed the publicly available website for a middle school ("School-1") in Hyde Park, New York. School-1's staff directory includes a "Daniel Monarchi" and identifies him as a "special education teacher."

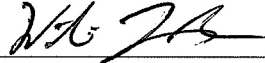
13. I have observed the exterior of School-1. A portion of School-1 is horseshoe-shaped and, as a result, some of School-1's classrooms have windows that face another part of the building. The building that is visible through the window of the classroom shown in Photo-5 looks like the exterior of School-1.

14. I have reviewed New York Motor Vehicle records for DANIEL ALAN MONARCHI, the defendant. These records indicate that MONARCHI has a date of birth in March 1999 that makes him approximately 26 years old. According to these records, MONARCHI has brown eyes and wears eyeglasses. The records contain a photo of DANIEL ALAN MONARCHI, the defendant. I recognize MONARCHI to be the same person who appears in Photo-3. In the Motor Vehicle photo, MONARCHI is wearing black-framed glasses that appear similar to the black-framed glasses he is wearing in Photo-3.

15. I have reviewed a publicly available social media account for a "Dan Monarchi." The profile photo for "Dan Monarchi" on the social media account depicts the same individual, DANIEL ALAN MONARCHI, the defendant, who appears in Photo-3 and the Motor Vehicle

photo. Underneath the name "Dan Monarchi" on the social media account, the words "Educating the youth at a school near you" appear.

WHEREFORE, the deponent respectfully requests that a warrant be issued for the arrest of DANIEL ALAN MONARCHI, the defendant, and that he be arrested and imprisoned or bailed, as the case may be.



WILLIAM LAHAM
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to me this 19th day of August, 2025



THE HONORABLE ANDREW E. KRAUSE
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of New York