

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	<u>COMPLAINT</u>
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-v-	:	Violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)
	:	and (e)
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ALBER RODRIGUEZ,	:	COUNTY OF OFFENSE:
	:	Rockland
Defendant.	:	
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, ss.:

VANCE PLESKO, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a Task Force Officer with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") and charges as follows:

COUNT ONE
(Sexual Exploitation of a Child)

1. On or about September 10, 2024 and September 13, 2024, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ALBER RODRIGUEZ, 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 a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce and mailed, to wit, RODRIGUEZ, while in the Rockland County, New York, engaged in sexual activity with a 12-year-old minor and photographed the sexual activity using a cellphone.

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

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

2. I am a detective with the Ramapo Police Department ("RPD") and an FBI Task Force Officer assigned to the Westchester County Safe Streets Task Force. I have been employed as a law enforcement officer with RPD for approximately 21 years. I have been a detective and an FBI Task Force Officer for approximately the last six years. I have participated in numerous investigations, including investigations involving violent crimes, narcotics, frauds,

firearms, and crimes against children. I have gained expertise in these areas through training and daily work related to conducting and participating in these types of investigations.

3. I have been personally involved in the investigation of this matter. This affidavit is based upon my conversations with law enforcement agents 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.

4. Based on my conversations with an RPD detective ("Detective-1") and my review of RPD reports, I am aware that, on or about April 11, 2026, an individual ("Witness-1") reported to RPD, among other things, that Witness-1 had observed sexually explicit images of a minor known to Witness-1 ("Victim-1") on a Samsung cellphone belonging to ALBER RODRIGUEZ, the defendant. Witness-1 advised that, upon seeing the images, Witness-1 took photos ("Photos") of the images with Witness-1's cellphone. Later on or about April 11, 2026, Detective-1 met with Witness-1, who provided Detective-1 with the Photos. Witness-1 told Detective-1 the following, in substance and in part:

a. Witness-1 observed the images that appear in the Photos in the photo gallery of RODRIGUEZ's cellphone. The images appeared in the gallery consecutively (one after another) and were taken on or about September 10, 2024 and September 13, 2024.

b. Although the images did not reveal the face of the child who was photographed, Witness-1 recognized Victim-1 as the child in the images based on various details visible in the images, including details such as walls, bedsheets and clothing. Witness-1 recognized the setting of the images to be a particular location ("Location-1") in Rockland County, New York.

5. Based on my conversations with Detective-1, I am aware that, on or about April 11, 2026, Detective-1 spoke to Victim-1, who is now 13 years old. Among other things, Victim-1 disclosed that, on numerous occasions, ALBER RODRIGUEZ, the defendant, touched her vagina. Victim-1 advised that this activity occurred in Rockland County, New York on many occasions over the last two years. Victim-1 also advised that, on at least one occasion when she was at Location-1, RODRIGUEZ took photos of her naked. Based on Victim-1's date of birth, I am aware that, in September 2024, Victim-1 was 12 years old.

6. Detective-1 provided me with the Photos he received from Witness-1 and I have reviewed them. There are approximately six images, which include the following:

a. *Image-1 and Image-2:* Image-1 and Image-2 show what appears to be the same prepubescent vagina. There are adult fingers visible just below the vagina. The fingers appear to be pulling back a blue-patterned article of clothing, and light blue fleece fabric is visible in the background.

b. *Image-3 and Image-4*: Image-3 and Image-4 appear to depict the same prepubescent vagina that appears in Image-1 and Image-2, but these photos are taken from a different perspective. What appears to be the crotch area of light blue underwear is visible.

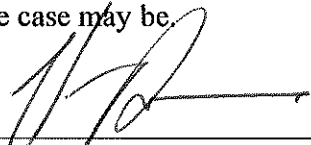
c. *Image-5*: Image-5 is a photo of the side-profile of the middle section of an individual. The photo shows the individual from the torso to the mid-thigh. A strong bikini bottom tan line is visible. A blue article of clothing is lifted on the upper torso, revealing the individual's midriff and a portion of the back. What appears to be a black article of clothing – perhaps pants – is pulled down to the individual's mid-thigh, revealing the side profile of the buttocks.

d. *Image-6*: Image-6 is a photo that appears to show the same individual who appears in Image-5. The same tan line and articles of clothing are visible. This photo is taken at an angle and reveals the entire buttocks. There appears to be light blue or white underwear within the black material.

7. Based on my conversations with Detective-1 and my review of RPD documents, I am aware that, on or about April 11, 2026, ALBER RODRIGUEZ, the defendant, was arrested and charged in the Justice Court Village of Montebello, in Rockland County, New York with charges that included (1) Course of Sexual Conduct against a Child in the 1st Degree; (2) Sexual Abuse; and (3) Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child and Sexual Misconduct. Bail was set in the amount of \$100,000 cash, \$250,000 bond, or 500,000 partially secured bond. RODRIGUEZ remains detained at the Rockland County Correctional Center.

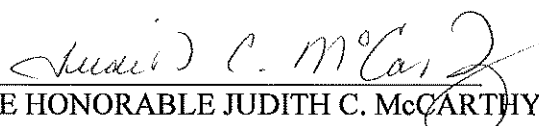
8. Based on my conversations with Detective-1 and my review of RPD documents, I am aware that, at the time of RODRIGUEZ's arrest, his cellphone ("Phone-1"), a Samsung Galaxy S21, was seized. Witness-1 advised Detective-1 that Phone-1 is the phone on which Witness-1 discovered the Photos. Based on my experience in other investigations involving Samsung phones and my review of publicly available information, I am aware that Samsung telephones are manufactured outside of New York.

WHEREFORE, the deponent respectfully requests that ALBER RODRIGUEZ, the defendant, be arrested and imprisoned or bailed, as the case may be.



Vance Plesko
Task Force Officer
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me this
14th day of April 2026



THE HONORABLE JUDITH C. MCCARTHY
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of New York