AUSAs: Jake Sidransky and Marcia Cohen

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CORY MATTHEWS,

Defendant.

AMENDED COMPLAINT 26MJ1806

Violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a) and (e) and 2252A(a)(2)(B) and (b)(1)

COUNTY OF OFFENSE:
Putnam

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, ss.:

MATTHEW TUNNEY, 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 April 14, 2026, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, CORY MATTHEWS, the defendant, employed, used, persuaded, induced, enticed, and coerced a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct, and attempted and conspired to do so, for the purpose of producing a 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 and transmitted 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, MATTHEWS engaged in sexually explicit conduct with a 1-year-old infant ("Victim-1") in Putnam County, New York, photographed and video recorded the conduct, and transmitted the photos and video over the Internet to an individual in Pennsylvania.

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

COUNT TWO
(Receipt and Distribution of Child Pornography)

2. On or about April 14, 2026, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, CORY MATTHEWS, the defendant, knowingly received and distributed material that contained child pornography using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and that had been mailed and had been shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, to wit, MATTHEWS, while in Putnam County, New York, transmitted files containing sexually explicit images of Victim-1, an infant, to a female in

Pennsylvania, via a social media application.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252A(a)(2)(B) and (b)(1).)

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

3. I am an investigator with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office ("PCSO") and a Task Force Officer with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), currently assigned to the FBI's Resident Agency in Westchester County, New York. I have been a Task Force Officer with the FBI since October 2020. 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 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.

5. Based on my conversations with a detective ("Detective-1") with the Carmel Police Department ("CPD") and my review of CPD reports, I am aware that, on or about January 15, 2026, an individual ("Reporter-1") reported to the Carmel Police Department that she had been speaking online with an individual known to her as CORY MATTHEWS, the defendant. Reporter-1 advised, in substance and in part, that MATTHEWS, while sharing the screen of his device, showed her videos of what she believed to be child pornography. Reporter-1 advised that she had screen recorded the conversation with MATTHEWS and saved it on her cellphone. Reporter-1 provided law enforcement with her cellphone and authorized a search of the phone.

6. I have reviewed a screen recording found on Reporter-1's phone. The recording is approximately 2 minutes and 46 seconds. The video begins with the display of an iPhone screen (which is consistent with Reporter-1's phone) and then changes to an Android with "Boost Mobile" in the top status bar. Among other things, the video reveals the Android phone scrolling through various thumbnails in the gallery of a Google Photo application. A video is selected and played. The video shows an adult penis ejaculating on a prepubescent female's face and chest. Later in the screen recording, additional videos are played. One video shows an infant's vagina and a penis inserted into the infant's anus, and another video shows a prepubescent female's vagina and a penis inserted into her anus.

7. I have also reviewed communications in a social media application ("Application-1") found on Reporter-1's phone between Reporter-1 and an account on Application-1 with an identifying number that ends in 9650 ("Account-1"). Based on my review of CPD reports, I am aware that Application-1's records identify Account-1 as having an Account Identifier of "cory.matthews.606077." Among other things, and in substance and part, the communications between Reporter-1 and Account-1 include the following:

a. On or about December 26, 2025, at approximately 1:10 p.m., Account-1 said, "I'm into some pretty dark and fucked up stuff."

b. On or about January 5, 2026, at approximately 4:07 a.m., Account-1 transmitted a photo of a male ("Photo-1") with a moustache and beard.

c. January 11, 2026, at approximately 1:41 a.m., the user of Account-1 asked, "Are you into anything taboo" and added, "sexwise." Reporter-1 responded, "Like?" Account-1 said, "Anything considered wrong or illegal." On or about January 11, 2026, at approximately 1:43 a.m., Account-1 said, "Like would you watch a guy with someone young or a woman with some one young."

d. On or about January 12, 2026, at approximately 4:30 a.m., Reporter-1 told Account-1 to text her and provided a phone number. On or about January 12, 2026, at approximately 4:31 a.m., Account-1 responded, "I did."

8. I have reviewed a text thread between Reporter-1 and a phone number ending in 0115 ("0115-Number") that was saved in Reporter-1's phone as "Cory." Among other things, these messages include the following, in substance and in part:

a. On or about January 12, 2026, at approximately 4:33 a.m., "Cory" said, "So about what I was asking you" and asked, "How young would you watch fuck and suck dick." At approximately 4:40 a.m., "Cory" added, "Wat about under 15."

b. On or about January 14, 2026, at approximately 2:31 a.m., "Cory" asked, "Do you want to" and, at approximately 2:32 a.m., said, "I got them from other people." "Cory" asked, "Can you video chat" and said "I can show you some." "Cory" said, "I can screen share."

c. On or about January 14, 2026, at approximately 2:39 a.m., "Cory" said, "I am watching some now and playing with my cock."

d. On or about January 15, 2026, at approximately 4:23 p.m., "Cory" said, "Can you call me on fb messenger" and said, "I'll screen share."

9. Based on my review of reports from CPD, I am aware that records from TextNow reveal that the 0115-Number belongs to a TextNow account that is associated with an email address that includes the names "Matthews" and "Cory." Based on my experience and training, I am aware that TextNow is an online application that allows a user to create multiple phone numbers that can make and receive calls.

10. On or about April 16, 2026, the Honorable Timothy Curtiss of the Town of Kent Justice Court issued a search warrant ("Warrant-1") authorizing a search of, among other things, (i) the person of CORY MATTHEWS, the defendant, and (ii) electronically stored information ("ESI") stored on any devices seized from MATTHEWS's residence in Putnam County, New York.

11. Based on my conversations with an Investigator ("Investigator-1") with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, who participated in the execution of Warrant-1, I am aware that, while executing Warrant-1, PCSO officers seized a smartphone ("Phone-1") from MATTHEWS's

person. On or about April 18, 2026, Investigator-1, who is specially trained in the forensic examination of digital material, began reviewing Phone-1 and identifying material responsive to Warrant-1.

12. On or about April 19, 2026, Investigator-1 made available to me the ESI from Phone-1 which he had identified as responsive to Warrant-1. Based on my review of this material, I am aware that Phone-1 contained chats on Application-1 between Account-1 and an individual identified on Phone-1 as "Beth Young" (the "Beth Young Account"). Based on my review of the communications between Account-1 and the Beth Young Account, I am aware of the following, in substance and in part:

a. In a message on April 14, 2026 at approximately 1:56 p.m., Phone-1 sent the Beth Young Account an image of an infant (*i.e.*, Victim-1), to which the Beth Young Account responded "Put your dick in its face[.]" In communications with the Beth Young Account, Phone-1 identified Victim-1 as a child to whom he had access and specified his relationship to the child.

b. At approximately 2:01 p.m., Phone-1 sent an image in which Victim-1 is visible in the background, and a man's erect penis occupies the foreground. The Beth Young Account said, "Look at the Lil one just staring at you," to which Phone-1 replied, "Should I take it closer[?]" The Beth Young Account responded, "Yes[.] But becareful the door is open hun[.]"

c. At approximately 2:03 p.m., Phone-1 asked "Now what," to which the Beth Young Account responded, "Take a pic of my pedo dick in front of the babies face[.]" In response, Phone-1 transmitted two images to the Beth Young Account. The first image depicted Victim-1 with an erect penis in Victim-1's hand. The second image depicted an erect penis touching Victim-1's face.

d. At approximately 2:04 p.m., the Beth Young Account responded, "Look at that smile[.] Mmm yes baby[.] Wonder if he would try to put his mouth on it." Approximately one minute later, Phone-1 told Beth Young that Victim-1 is female. The Beth Young Account responded, "Well see if she would put her mouth on it." The Beth Young Account then responded directly to the image of an erect penis touching Victim-1's face, described above, and said "That look on her face is priceless I love it."

e. At approximately 2:08 p.m., Phone-1 transmitted to the Beth Young Account a video depicting an erect penis being shoved into Victim-1's mouth, smacking Victim-1's face and mouth, and hands stroking the penis against Victim-1's face and mouth. Following the transmission of this video, the Beth Young Account wrote, "Yes make her take that dick baby[.] Mmmm fuck im getting horny now boo."

f. At approximately 2:12 p.m., Phone-1 transmitted to the Beth Young Account a video that shows a male straddling Victim-1, while Victim-1 is laying on a bed. During the video, the male's hands stroke the erect penis as he holds the penis against Victim-1's face and mouth and forces the erect penis into Victim-1's mouth. In response to the video, the Beth Young Account wrote, "Mmm fuck yea I should be there holding her that way she could look away[.] Fuck we gonna have so much fun I can see it now."

g. Between approximately 2:47 p.m. and approximately 2:54 p.m., Phone-1 and the Beth Young Account exchanged the following messages:

i. Phone-1: "Did you like what you seen just now[?]"

ii. Beth Young Account: "Hell yeah."

iii. Phone-1: "Good[.] What else did you want to see me do[?]"

iv. Beth Young Account: "I was hoping to see you cum on her."

v. Phone-1: "Oh lol[.] That's all[?]"

vi. Beth Young Account: "No I wanted to see you fuck the shit out of her like fr fr."

vii. Phone-1: "I wanted to[.] Her mom sent one of the older kids up to get her when she started crying[.] I'm still hard af."

13. Based on my review of the photos and videos that Account-1 sent the Beth Young Account, I am aware that the backgrounds of some of the photos and videos reveal certain features of the room in which the abuse of Victim-1 occurred. Based on my conversations with Investigator-1, I understand that Investigator-1, who participated in the search of MATTHEWS's residence, observed a room in the residence that matched the background in the photos and videos.

a. On or about April 16, 2026, CORY MATTHEWS, the defendant, was arrested and charged in the Town of Kent, New York with promoting a sexual performance by a child and possessing a sexual performance by a child. On or about April 19, 2026, following the discovery of the photos and videos depicting the sexual abuse of Victim-1, additional charges were added. These charges included, among other things, predatory sex assault against a child and rape in the first degree. I have reviewed PCSO records that include a photograph of MATTHEWS taken at the time of his booking on or about April 16, 2026. Based on my review of the booking photo, I believe that MATTHEWS is the same individual depicted in Photo-1. As discussed above, the user of Account-1 transmitted Photo-1 to Reporter-1 on or about January 5, 2026.

14. In connection with this investigation, the individual using the Beth Young Account was identified as Beth Saiers, a/k/a "Beth Young." On or about April 23, 2026, Saiers was arrested in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. Following her arrest, she admitted that she was the user of the Beth Young Account and that she was the person communicating with Account-1 on or about April 14, 2026. She also admitted that she had received the videos and photographs Account-1 sent her. On or about April 29, 2026, a Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York indicted Saiers for sexual exploitation of a child (Count One) and receipt and distribution of child pornography (Count Two).

15. Based on all of the above, I believe that CORY MATTHEWS, the defendant, was the user of Account-1 and was the person who, on or about April 14, 2026, engaged in sexual activity with Victim-1, recorded the sexual activity, and transmitted images of the sexual activity to Beth Saiers via Application-1.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that a warrant be issued for the arrest of CORY MATTHEWS, the defendant, and that he be arrested, and imprisoned or bailed, as the case may be.

Matthew Tunney
Task Force Officer
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me this 13th day of May, 2026.

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