

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

ANDREW WILKINSON,
a/k/a "Steppa,"

Defendant.

Judge McMahon

INDICTMENT

26 Cr.

26 CRIM

2574

The Grand Jury charges:

OVERVIEW

1. ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a "Steppa," the defendant, drugged, sexually assaulted, and recorded sexual encounters with minor female victims. WILKINSON, who was thirty-four years old and a registered sex offender, operated and advertised an unlicensed tattoo service and used his tattoo service as a means by which to gain access to minor victims to sexually abuse. WILKINSON met and communicated with his victims primarily on social media platforms and utilized those platforms to convince his victims to travel to an apartment in the Bronx where he drugged, sexually assaulted, and filmed sexually explicit videos of them. On at least one occasion, WILKINSON drugged a sixteen-year-old girl and sexually abused her while she was physically incapacitated.

2. ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a "Steppa," the defendant, exchanged over 800 messages with one victim ("Minor Victim-1") via social media platforms between at least December 2024 and May 2025. WILKINSON repeatedly sent promotional messages offering free tattoos to Minor Victim-1, who was fourteen, and tried to convince Minor Victim-1 to meet him in person. On or about January 27, 2025, after Minor Victim-1 turned fifteen, WILKINSON convinced Minor Victim-1 to visit him, where he used a cellphone to record a sexually explicit

video depicting Minor Victim-1.

3. ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a “Steppa,” the defendant, met a second victim (“Minor Victim-2”) in or around May 2025, when Minor Victim-2 was seventeen years old. WILKINSON convinced Minor Victim-2 to travel from Long Island to the Bronx to obtain a tattoo. While in the Bronx, WILKINSON drugged and sexually assaulted Minor Victim-2.

4. ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a “Steppa,” the defendant, persuaded a third victim (“Minor Victim-3”), who was sixteen years old, to travel to the Bronx on or about July 23, 2025. After Minor Victim-3 arrived, WILKINSON told Minor Victim-3 that he would provide a free tattoo if she played and won three card games. WILKINSON provided psilocin psychedelic mushrooms, methamphetamine, and an unidentified beverage to Minor Victim-3, causing her to lose consciousness. While Minor Victim-3 was impaired and unconscious, WILKINSON raped and sexually assaulted Minor Victim-3.

COUNT ONE
(Sexual Exploitation of a Child)
(As to Minor Victim-1)

The Grand Jury further charges:

5. On or about January 27, 2025, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a “Steppa,” the defendant, having previously been convicted of laws of any State relating to aggravated sexual abuse, sexual abuse, and abusive sexual contact involving a minor, to wit, rape in the third degree, in violation of New York Penal Law Section 130.25(2), employed, used, persuaded, induced, and enticed a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct, and attempted, 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, WILKINSON used a cellphone to record a video, and attempted to use a cellphone to record a video, that depicted WILKINSON engaging in sexually explicit conduct with a fifteen-year-old girl, while he and Minor Victim-1 were located in the Bronx, New York.

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

COUNT TWO
(Coercion and Enticement of a Minor)
(As to Minor Victim-1)

The Grand Jury further charges:

6. On or about January 27, 2025, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a “Steppa,” the defendant, knowingly, using a facility and means of interstate and foreign commerce, persuaded, induced, and enticed an individual who had not attained the age of 18 years to engage in prostitution and sexual activity for which a person can be charged with a criminal offense, and attempted to do so, to wit, WILKINSON, who was thirty-four years old, used a cellphone to persuade, induce, and entice Minor Victim-1, who was fifteen years old, to meet WILKINSON in the Bronx, New York, for the purpose of engaging in unlawful sexual activity, in violation of federal law, 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a) (sexual exploitation of a minor), and New York Penal Law Section 130.52 (forcible touching).

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

COUNT THREE
(Penalties for Registered Sex Offenders)
(As to Minor Victim-1)

The Grand Jury further charges:

7. On or about January 27, 2025, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a “Steppa,” 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 2251, to wit, the violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2251(a) and 2422(b) charged in Counts One and Two of this Indictment.

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

COUNT FOUR
(Coercion and Enticement of a Minor)
(As to Minor Victim-2)

The Grand Jury further charges:

8. In or around May 2025, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a “Steppa,” the defendant, knowingly, using a facility and means of interstate and foreign commerce, persuaded, induced, and enticed an individual who had not attained the age of 18 years to engage in prostitution and sexual activity for which a person can be charged with a criminal offense, and attempted to do so, to wit, WILKINSON, who was thirty-four years old, used a cellphone and a means of mass transit to persuade, induce, and entice Minor Victim-2, who was seventeen years old, to meet WILKINSON in and travel to the Bronx, New York, for the purpose of engaging in unlawful sexual activity, in violation of New York Penal Law, including Sections 130.25(1) (rape in the first degree), 130.52 (forcible touching), and 130.55 (sexual abuse in the third degree).

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2422(b) and 2.)

COUNT FIVE
(Penalties for Registered Sex Offenders)
(As to Minor Victim-2)

The Grand Jury further charges:

9. In or about May 2025, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a “Steppa,” 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 2251, to wit, the violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b) charged in Count Four of this Indictment.

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

COUNT SIX
(Coercion and Enticement of a Minor)
(As to Minor Victim-3)

The Grand Jury further charges:

10. On or about July 23, 2025, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a “Steppa,” the defendant, knowingly, using a facility and means of interstate and foreign commerce, persuaded, induced, and enticed an individual who had not attained the age of 18 years to engage in prostitution and sexual activity for which a person can be charged with a criminal offense, and attempted to do so, to wit, WILKINSON, who was thirty-four years old, used a cellphone and a means of mass transit to persuade, induce, and entice Minor Victim-3, who was sixteen years old, to meet WILKINSON in and travel to the Bronx, New York, for the purpose of engaging in unlawful sexual activity, in violation of New York Penal Law §§ 130.25 (rape in the third degree), 130.52 (forcible touching), and 130.55 (sexual abuse in the third degree).

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2422(b) and 2.)

COUNT SEVEN
(Penalties for Registered Sex Offenders)
(As to Minor Victim-3)

The Grand Jury further charges:

11. On or about July 23, 2025, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a “Steppa,” 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 Six of this Indictment.

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

COUNT EIGHT
(Distribution of a Controlled Substance)
(As to Minor Victim-3)

The Grand Jury further charges:

12. On or about July 23, 2025, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a “Steppa,” the defendant, knowingly and intentionally distributed and possessed with intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

13. The controlled substances involved in the offense were (i) a quantity of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of psilocin and (ii) a quantity of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 812, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(C).)

COUNT NINE
(Distribution of a Controlled Substance with the Intent to Commit Rape)
(As to Minor Victim-3)

The Grand Jury further charges:

14. On or about July 23, 2025, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a “Steppa,” the defendant, knowingly and intentionally distributed and possessed with intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and with intent to commit a crime of violence against an individual, distributed a controlled substance to that individual without that individual’s knowledge, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(7), to wit, WILKINSON distributed controlled substances to Minor Victim-3, without Minor Victim-3’s consent or knowledge, with the intent to rape Minor Victim-3.

15. The controlled substances involved in the offense were psilocin and methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 812, 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C) and 841(b)(7).)

COUNT TEN
(Distribution of a Controlled Substance to a Minor)
(As to Minor Victim-3)

The Grand Jury further charges:

16. On or about July 23, 2025, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a “Steppa,” the defendant, knowingly and intentionally distributed and possessed with intent to distribute a controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

17. The controlled substances involved in the offense were (i) a quantity of mixtures and substances containing a detectable amount of psilocin and (ii) a quantity of mixtures and

substances containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(C).

18. The person to whom WILKINSON distributed the controlled substance was under twenty-one years old, to wit, WILKINSON provided the controlled substances to Minor Victim-3, who was sixteen years old.

19. At the time WILKINSON committed this offense, he was at least eighteen years of age.

(Title 21, United States Code, Sections 812, 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C), and 859(a).)

FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS

20. As a result of committing the offense alleged in Counts One, Three, Five, and Seven of this Indictment, ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a “Steppa,” the defendant, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253, any and all property, real and personal, constituting or traceable to gross profits or other proceeds obtained from said offense and any and all property, real or personal, used or intended to be used to commit or promote the commission of said offense or traceable to such property, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of said offense.

21. As a result of committing the offense alleged in Counts Two, Four, and Six of this Indictment, ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a “Steppa,” the defendant, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2428, any and all property, real and personal, constituting or derived from proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of said offense; and any and all property, real or personal, that was used or intended to be used to commit

or facilitation the commission of said offense, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of said offense

22. As a result of committing the offense alleged in Counts Eight, Nine, and Ten of this Indictment, ANDREW WILKINSON, a/k/a “Steppa,” the defendant, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, any and all property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of said offense and any and all property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, said offense, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of said offense.

Substitute Assets Provision

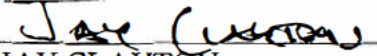
23. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2428 and 2253;
Title 21, United States Code, Section 853; and
Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.)


FOREPERSON


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