

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of Missouri

United States of America

v.

PAUL ROBERT CANNON

[DOB: 07/13/1944]

Case No.

16-3005-MJ-MJW

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of 1/18/2016 through 1/29/16 in the county of Pettis and Boone in the Western District of Missouri, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

18 U.S.C. § 2422(b)

Offense Description

The defendant, PAUL ROBERT CANNON, used any facility of interstate and foreign commerce, to knowingly attempt to persuade, induce, entice and coerce any individual who had not attained the age of 18 years to engage in any sexual activity for which any person could be charged with an offense, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b).

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See the attached affidavit of Special Agent Sean McDermott, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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Complainant's signature

SA Sean McDermott, FBI

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 01/29/2016



Judge's signature

City and state: Jefferson City, Missouri

Matt J. Whitworth, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

**AFFIDAVIT
of
SEAN McDERMOTT
SPECIAL AGENT
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

I, Sean McDermott, being first duly sworn, do depose and state that:

1. I am a Special Agent (S/A) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and am assigned to the Jefferson City, Missouri Resident Agency. I have been an S/A with the FBI for approximately twelve (12) years, during which time my investigations have included human trafficking and crimes against children. As an S/A, I am authorized to investigate violations of laws of the United States, and to execute warrants issued under the authority of the United States.

2. The statements contained in this affidavit are based on information I learned through my personal knowledge, investigative reports from other investigators familiar with this investigation, and conversations with investigators familiar with this investigation, whom are formally trained and experienced in conducting investigations involving child exploitation.

3. On January 18, 2016, an advertisement entitled "Grandpa looking for a couple with kids" was posted in the "m4mw," known to me to mean "men looking for men and women," section of Craigslist. The posting read, "Grandpa looking for a couple that would like to include their kids in sexual fun. White man, very discreet, very safe, retired teacher, and well endowed. Age and race are not an issue." The poster described himself as 71 years old, 6'-7" tall, and divorced. The posting identified his location as Sedalia. The posting bore ID #5408075796.

4. On January 20, 2016, posting ID #5408075796 was updated to read, "Grandpa looking for a couple that would like to include an older experience male in sexual fun. White man, very discreet, very safe, retired teacher, and well endowed. Age and race are not an issue."

5. On January 21, 2016, Detective Andy Evans with the Boone County Sheriff's Department Cyber Crimes Task Force, responded to the Craigslist advertisement as follows: "Good morning, I am a single mom with a teenage daughter. What exactly are you looking for and are you still looking?" The poster responded, "The two of you would be fine for lots of sex if you are interested? 660-281-8564 Paul in Sedalia."

6. Using the telephone number provided by "Paul in Sedalia," Detective Evans identified the poster as Paul Robert Cannon, a 71-year-old man from Sedalia, Missouri.

7. Over the next six days Detective Evans, posing as an adult female (Kathy) with a 14-year-old daughter (Abby), exchanged numerous emails with Cannon. In these

exchanges, Cannon described various sex acts he intended to perform with Abby. These emails included the following messages from Cannon:

- Kathy, I am 100 percent safe, retired teacher, no criminal record, not even a speeding ticket. I have been with younger girls before and They like me. Paul
- That would be very nice for both of you at the same time. I am fixed, vasectomy at 42 yrs. old, cannot get a girl pregnant. No STD's ever, I am discreet and careful who I have a sex with. Paul
- Will you be comfortable with me having sex with both of you? I love eating pussy for a very long time. Has your girl had any type of sex before? Have you had sex with her? Paul
- I am looking for a continuing relationship. I am very discreet. No one will ever know what I do with the two of you. You can call or text me at 660-281-8564, I don't share phone numbers, it's between you and me forever. Paul
- Have you told Abby about me? She should be completely open to me and be able to keep her mouth shut about sex. You should be open to all sex in all three places? What are breasts sizes for both of you? Paul
- For You, have you swallowed cum, had cum should in pussy for than once, and in ass too. Has Abby sucked a dick before? Or just got her pussy licked? Paul
- Tell Abby I will be extra easy on her first time. Looking forward Kathy to having sex with you. Will let you know next week when I am coming, looking forward to it. Paul

8. Detective Evans, posing as an adult female (Kathy), also exchanged numerous texts with Cannon wherein Cannon described various sex acts he intended to perform with Abby. These texts included the following exchanges between Cannon and Detective Evans:

- **Evans:** are you wanting sex with abby while I watch or you want me to wait in another room
- **Cannon:** Want u n room

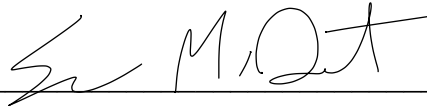
- **Evans:** ok i can do that
- **Evans:** Whats the youngest girl you ever had sex with...would we be the first mother and daughter that you have had sex with
- **Cannon:** When was the last time u were fucked by a guy
- **Cannon:** Twelve was youngest n no to other will fuck an eleven yr old Saturday n her sister n mom
- **Cannon:** Ask Abby if she has swallowed a load of cum
- **Cannon:** Tell Abby all show her dick pics n tell her u will b watcing while I fuck her n u may participate if I tell u too
- **Cannon:** Am I gonna get arrested for fuckin Abby
- **Cannon:** Hello
- **Evans:** Hey what the hell do you mean are you going to get arrested for having sex with abby
- **Evans:** you plan on calling the cops or something
- **Evans:** your kind of scaring me a little
- **Cannon:** No I am not calling cops just checking what u would say
- **Cannon:** Will u suck Abbys tits while I fuck her
- **Evans:** Ok
- **Cannon:** She gets it n pussy n ass doggy style n I want u to suck her toes
- **Evans:** Her toes really lol ...ok
- **Cannon:** If I tell Abby to lick ur pussy will u let her

9. Cannon emailed a photograph of himself to “Kathy”. The individual depicted in this photograph appeared to be the same individual depicted on the Paul Robert Cannon's driver's license photograph.

10. Cannon and “Kathy” arranged to meet at a restaurant in Columbia, Missouri at 11:00am on January 29, 2016. Cannon offered to buy “Kathy” and “Abby” lunch before going to “Kathy’s” residence for a sexual rendezvous.

11. At approximately 11:10am on January 29, 2016, Cannon arrived at the predetermined location driving a dark blue Ford pickup with a metal rack in the bed, which matched the description of his vehicle that he previously provided to “Kathy”. Cannon was redirected to another nearby restaurant where he was subsequently arrested by the Boone County Sheriff’s Department.

12. Post-Miranda, Cannon admitted his intentions of engaging in sexual conduct and deviate sexual intercourse with “Abby”. Cannon advised he had been accused of sexual misconduct with female students while he was a high school teacher. Cannon also advised he currently lived with a 35-year-old woman and her 17-year-old daughter.



Sean McDermott
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 29th day of January, 2016.



Matt J. Whitworth
United States Magistrate Judge