
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Edward S. Kiel, U.S.M.J.
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 v. : Mag. No. 20-15469
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 MAURICIO CALDERON : **CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**
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I, Isidro Cruz, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

SEE ATTACHMENT A

I further state that I am a Special Agent with the United States Department of Homeland Security – Homeland Security Investigations, and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHMENT B

continued on the attached page and made a part hereof.




Isidro Cruz, Special Agent
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Special Agent Cruz attested to this Complaint by telephone pursuant to F.R.C.P. 4.1(b)(2)(A).

September 24, 2020
Date

at Essex County, New Jersey
County and State

Honorable Edward S. Kiel
United States Magistrate Judge
Name and Title of Judicial Officer

Edward S. Kiel / 
Signature of Judicial Officer

ATTACHMENT A

COUNT ONE
(Distribution of Child Pornography)

From in or around March 2020 through on or about April 10, 2020, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

MAURICIO CALDERON

did knowingly distribute child pornography, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8), that had been mailed, and using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(2).

COUNT TWO
(Possession of Child Pornography)

On or about September 24, 2020, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

MAURICIO CALDERON

did knowingly possess material that contained at least three images of child pornography, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8), which images had been mailed, shipped, and transported using any means or facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, and that were produced using materials that had been mailed, and shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252A(a)(5)(B) and 2.

ATTACHMENT B

I, Isidro Cruz, am a Special Agent with the United States Department of Homeland Security – Homeland Security Investigations. I am fully familiar with the facts set forth herein based on my own investigation, my discussions with other law enforcement officers, and my review of reports, documents, and other items of evidence. Where statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and in part. Because this Affidavit is being submitted for the sole purpose of establishing probable cause to support the issuance of a complaint, I have not set forth each and every fact that I know concerning this investigation. Where I assert that an event took place on a particular date, I am asserting that it took place on or about the date alleged.

Background

1. At all times relevant to this Complaint, defendant Mauricio Calderon (“CALDERON”) was a resident of Belleville, New Jersey.

The Investigation

2. In or around February 2020, law enforcement received information indicating that CALDERON was an active distributor of child pornography in multiple groups on a web-based application (“Application A”). The information indicated that CALDERON was utilizing username “daddy4you2020” on Application A. Law enforcement proceeded to initiate an investigation of CALDERON.

3. From in or around March 2020 through on or about April 10, 2020, law enforcement personally observed CALDERON upload multiple videos constituting child pornography on Application A. These videos were viewable and available to other members of the respective group. Descriptions of these videos are as follows:

- a. **“1_5132003868770566240.mp4”** is a video, approximately 41 seconds in length, showing an adult male committing a graphic sex act upon an infant;
- b. **“1_5165903139399794874.mp4”** is a video, approximately 27 seconds in length, showing an adult male anally penetrating an infant child; and
- c. **“VID_20200301_144913_155.mp4”** is a video, approximately 40 seconds in length, showing an adult male anally penetrating a prepubescent child.

4. The investigation revealed that CALDERON used an additional encrypted, web-based application ("Application B") in furtherance of these offenses as well.

5. On or about September 24, 2020, pursuant to a search warrant for CALDERON'S residence, agents located multiple electronic devices belonging to and used by CALDERON. More specifically, law enforcement located CALDERON'S cellular telephone on his nightstand. Law enforcement conducted an on-scene search of CALDERON'S cellular telephone. During this inspection, agents located multiple items of child pornography, including the following:

- a. **"4_5911275227353974513.mp4"** is a video, approximately 1:32 long, showing a fully nude female child, approximately ten years of age, facing the camera with her legs spread open; and
- b. **"1_4933699357493952760.mp4"** is a video, approximately 1:05 long, showing two female children, approximately ten to twelve years old, disrobing until they are fully nude and appearing to insert objects into their respective vaginas before putting their clothes back on.

6. During the search of CALDERON'S cellular telephone, agents also observed that Application A and Application B were also installed on the device.

7. Agents also located over approximately 100 images constituting child pornography under CALDERON'S password-protected, user profile on the family computer. Many of these images depicted the sexual assault of prepubescent children and infants. Notably, law enforcement also located personal correspondence written by CALDERON under the same password-protected user profile.

8. Based upon my education, training and experience, and my discussions with other law enforcement officers, and to the best of my knowledge, the videos described above were transported and transmitted in interstate commerce because they were transmitted by CALDERON via an Internet-based application, at which time they were observed by law enforcement in California.