

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
District of New Jersey

United States of America
v.
EDWIN TORRES
a/k/a "Macho Torres"

Case No.
Mag. No. 21-mj-2105 (AMD)

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 Feb. 2020 through Sept. 23, 2021 in the county of Cumberland in the
District of New Jersey, the defendant(s) violated:

Table with 2 columns: Code Section, Description of Offenses. Row 1: 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2)(A), See Attachment A. Row 2: 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B)

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:
See Attachment B.

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Bernadette Casey
Complainant's signature
Bernadette Casey, Special Agent, FBI
Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by
telephone (specify reliable electronic means).

Date: 11/15/2021

Ann Marie Donio
Judge's signature

City and state: District of New Jersey

Hon. Ann Marie Donio, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Printed name and title

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

By: /s/ Jeffrey B. Bender
Jeffrey B. Bender, Assistant U.S. Attorney

Date: November 15, 2021

ATTACHMENT A

COUNT ONE

(Distribution of Child Pornography)

On or about May 13, 2020, in Cumberland County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

EDWIN TORRES,
a/k/a "Macho Torres,"

did knowingly distribute at least three images of child pornography, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8), which images were shipped and transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, 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, Section 2252A(a)(2)(A).

COUNT TWO

(Possession of Child Pornography)

Between in or about February 2020 and on or about September 23, 2021, in Cumberland County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

EDWIN TORRES,
a/k/a "Macho Torres,"

did knowingly possess materials which contained three or more images of child pornography, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8), which images were shipped and transported using any means and 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, 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)(5)(B).

ATTACHMENT B

AFFIDAVIT

1. I, Bernadette Casey, (the "affiant"), state that I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"). I have knowledge of the following facts based upon both my investigation and discussions with other law enforcement personnel and others. Because this Affidavit is being submitted for the sole purpose of establishing probable cause to support the issuance of a complaint, I have not included each and every fact known to the government concerning this matter. Where statements of others are set forth herein, these statements are related in substance and in part. 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.

2. At all relevant times, EDWIN TORRES, a/k/a "Macho Torres" ("TORRES"), resided in an apartment in Bridgeton, New Jersey ("the Residence").

3. In or about February 2020, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children ("NCMEC") created a Cyber Tipline Report based on information that a DropBox account associated with email address macho723@gmail.com ("Macho Google Account") had uploaded 25 videos of child pornography beginning in August 2019.

4. I have reviewed the 25 videos provided by Dropbox as part of the NCMEC tip. Based on my training and experience, the videos I reviewed are child pornography. The contents of one of the videos is described as follows:

A video which depicts a young prepubescent female lying completely nude on a bed and receiving oral sex from another young female who appears to be approximately 12-14 years of age.

5. IP address information provided by Comcast indicated that an IP address used to access the DropBox account in the NCMEC Report was assigned to the Residence.

6. Independent of the NCMEC tip, on or about May 4, 2020, a law enforcement officer began a covert investigation utilizing an online social media application ("Application"). Posing as a 44-year-old female from Wisconsin, the online undercover officer entered multiple public chat groups that appeared to be created for individuals interested in sexual abuse material.

7. One of the Application's public messenger groups the online undercover officer entered was named "#tabotalk." The user "jerseu" was a member of the #tabotalk group. User "jerseu" posted a picture of himself on his user profile, which appears to be a picture of TORRES.

8. During the course of a chat covertly recorded by the online undercover officer on or about May 13, 2020, "jerseu" uploaded a video to the chat group. A different member of the chat group responded, "love those two," and "jerseu" replied, "So do I, bomb vids." After another responded, "Great Vids," "jerseu" uploaded an additional video. The "jerseu" user also uploaded a third video to the # tabotalk group on the same date.

9. Based on my training and experience, the three videos distributed by “jerseu” on or about May 13, 2020 are child pornography. They are described as follows:

- a. IMG_1228.mp4 is a video which depicts a nude prepubescent male approximately 10 to 13 years old with his erect penis exposed. An adult female performs oral sex on the prepubescent male.
- b. IMG_1222.mp4 is a video which depicts a prepubescent female approximately 6 to 9 years old filming herself exposing her vagina and anus.
- c. IMG_1227.mp4 is a video which depicts a nude prepubescent female approximately 6 to 9 years old lying on her back while an adult female performs oral sex on her. Another prepubescent female of similar age can be seen lying next to the other rubbing her own vagina with an object.

10. The Application’s records reflect that the name of user “jerseu” was “Macho Torres” and the associated email address was the Macho Google Account. Records from the Application and Comcast reflect that the IP address used to access the “jerseu” account on or about May 13, 2020 was assigned to the Residence.

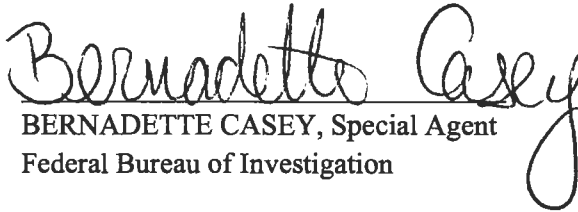
11. Google records sought on or about August 31, 2021 reflect that the Macho Google Account was subscribed to “Edwin Torres.” Records from Google and Comcast reflect that an IP address assigned to the Residence was used to access the Macho Google Account as recently as earlier the same month.

12. On or about September 23, 2021, federal law enforcement agents executed a search warrant at the Residence that had been issued the prior day by the Honorable Sharon A. King. Agents located TORRES at the Residence. TORRES admitted to agents, in sum and in part, that he had used the Application in the past and the Macho Google Account was his account. During the search, agents recovered TORRES’s cellular telephone. The cellular telephone contained an application to access Google Drive for the Macho Google Account, and within that application on the cellular telephone were multiple thumbnail images of child pornography.

13. On or about September 24, 2021, the Honorable Sharon A. King authorized a federal search warrant for information associated with the Macho Google Account. I personally reviewed videos produced by Google in response to the search warrant. The Macho Google Account contained over 100 videos of what I believe, based on my training and experience, to be child pornography. Included among the Macho Google Account videos are videos whose content match the Dropbox child pornography video described above and the videos described above that were uploaded to the Application by “jerseu” on or about May 13, 2020.

14. Based on my education, training and experience, and my discussion with other law enforcement officers, and to the best of my knowledge, the videos described above were transmitted, received and possessed in interstate and foreign commerce and were transmitted, received and possessed using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, including by computer and cellular telephone.

Respectfully submitted,


BERNADETTE CASEY, Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1, FBI Special Agent Casey was sworn and attested to the contents of this affidavit in support of the criminal complaint.



HON. ANN MARIE DONIO
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Date: November 15, 2021