Presented to the Court by the foreman of the Grand Jury in open Court, in the presence of the Grand Jury and FILED in the U.S. DISTRICT COURT at Seattle, Washington, 2 avi Subramanian, Clerk 3 \_ Deputy 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 7 AT SEATTLE 8 CR24-132 THC NO. 9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. 10 Plaintiff. INDICTMENT 11  $\mathbf{v}$ . 12 ALAN LEWIS MEIRHOFER, 13 Defendant. 14 15 The Grand Jury charges that: **COUNT 1** 16 17 (Receipt of Child Pornography) On or about February 1, 2021, in Skagit County, within the Western District of 18 Washington, ALAN LEWIS MEIRHOFER knowingly received, and attempted to receive 19 any visual depiction—the production of which involved the use of a minor engaging in 20

On or about February 1, 2021, in Skagit County, within the Western District of Washington, ALAN LEWIS MEIRHOFER knowingly received, and attempted to receive any visual depiction—the production of which involved the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and such visual depiction was of such conduct—using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, such visual depiction had been mailed and shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, and such visual depiction contained materials that have been mailed and so shipped and transported, by any means, including by computer.

All in violation of Title 18, United State Code, Section 2252(a)(2) and 2252(b)(1).

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All in violation of Title 18, United State Code, Section 2252(a)(2) and 2252(b)(1).

## **COUNT 2**

## (Possession of Child Pornography)

Beginning on a date unknown and continuing until on or about May 22, 2022, in Skagit County, within the Western District of Washington, and elsewhere, ALAN LEWIS MEIRHOFER knowingly possessed, and attempted to do so, matter that contained any visual depiction—the production of which involved the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and such visual depiction was of such conduct—that was mailed and shipped and transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce and that was produced using materials that had been so mailed and shipped and transported by any means, including by computer, and any visual depiction involved in the offense involved a prepubescent minor and a minor who had not attained 12 years of age.

All in violation of Title 18, United State Code, Sections 2252(a)(4)(B) and 2252(b)(2).

## FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

The allegations contained in Counts 1 and 2 of this Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture.

Upon conviction of either of the offenses alleged in Counts 1 and 2, the defendant, ALAN LEWIS MEIRHOFER, shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253(a), all property used to commit or to facilitate commission of the offense, any proceeds of the offense, and any data files consisting of or containing visual depictions within the meaning of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253(a)(1).

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Substitute Assets. If any of the above-described forfeitable property, as a result of 1 2 any act or omission of the defendant, 3 cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; 4 has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party; b. 5 has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court; C. 6 d. has been substantially diminished in value; or, 7 has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided e. 8 without difficulty, it is the intent of the United States to seek the forfeiture of any other property of the 9 10 defendant, up to the value of the above-described forfeitable property, pursuant to 11 Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p). 12 A TRUE BILL: 13 DATED: 8.1.2024 14 15 Signature of Foreperson redacted pursuant to the policy of the Judicial Conference of 16 the United States. 17 **FOREPERSON** 18 19 M. GORMAN ed States Attorney 21 CI L. ELLSWORTH 23 sistant United States Attorney 24 25 26 Assistant United States Attorney 27

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