
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. James B. Clark III
: :
v. : Mag. No. 17-3166
: :
ERIC S. KOMAR : **CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

I, Kevin P. Matthews, 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 Federal Bureau of Investigation and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHMENT B

continued on the attached pages and made a part hereof.



Special Agent Kevin P. Matthews
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

September 19, 2017
Date

HONORABLE JAMES B. CLARK III
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

at Essex County, New Jersey
County and State



Signature of Judicial Officer

ATTACHMENT A

From in or about April 2017 through in or about September 2017, in Somerset County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant

ERIC S. KOMAR

did knowingly receive and distribute child pornography, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8)(A), 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)(A) and 2252A(b)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

ATTACHMENT B

I, Kevin P. Matthews, am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I am fully familiar with the facts set forth herein based on my own investigation, my conversations with other law enforcement officers, and my review of reports, documents, and items of evidence. Where statements of others are related herein, they are related in substance and part. Because this complaint is being submitted for a limited purpose, 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 ERIC S. KOMAR (“KOMAR”) was a resident of Hillsborough, New Jersey.

The Investigation

2. On or about April 20, 2017, a law enforcement officer working in an undercover capacity accessed a publicly available peer-to-peer (“P2P”) network over the Internet and observed that a computer with a certain Internet Protocol (“IP”) address was logged into the network. The investigation revealed that this IP address was associated with a computer used by an individual later identified as defendant KOMAR. According to the data from the P2P network reviewed by law enforcement, defendant KOMAR was sharing files previously documented to include known images of child pornography.

3. On or about April 20, 2017, numerous images of what appeared to be child pornography were downloaded by law enforcement via the P2P network from the computer with the IP address associated with KOMAR. Three of the files downloaded by the undercover agent from defendant KOMAR on April 20 are described as follows:

FILENAME	DESCRIPTION
lsh-001-072.jpg	This is a color image of a young, blond-haired, prepubescent female. She is kneeling on what appears to be pink blankets, has pink flower clips in her hair and is holding a pink fan. She is partially dressed in black lingerie with her breasts and vagina exposed. The marking, “LS Models” is on the top left portion of the photo. This image is part of a series of photos of the blond-haired

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	prepubescent female, some of which are close-up photos of her vagina.
lsh-003-035.jpg	This is a color image of a naked, brown-haired, prepubescent child wearing blue lingerie. She is sitting on pink blankets, holding a pink, fuzzy phone with blue flower clips and blue hair extensions in her curled hair. Her breasts and vagina are exposed. The marking, "LS Models" is on the top left portion of the photo. This image is also part of a series of photographs of the same prepubescent female, some of which are close-up photos of her vagina.
lsh-009-054.jpg	This is a color image of a naked, brown-haired prepubescent female. She is sitting on pink-colored bedding. She has what appear to be blackish-brown kinky hair extensions in her hair. She has orange, red and pink clips in her hair and her nails are painted orange. She is holding a pink, fuzzy phone and her breasts and vagina are exposed. The marking, "LS Models" is on the top left portion of the photo. This photo is a part of a series of photos of the aforementioned brown-haired female in which there are close-up photos of her buttocks and vagina.

4. On or about September 19, 2017, law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at defendant KOMAR's residence in Hillsborough, New Jersey (the "residence"). At the residence, law enforcement discovered computer equipment belonging to defendant KOMAR including, among other items, a thumb drive, an external hard drive, a laptop computer and a desktop computer. Law enforcement found the P2P file-sharing program on the desktop computer. A preliminary forensic review of these devices by law enforcement revealed images and videos of child pornography, as defined by Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8), including each of the images described above in paragraph 3.

5. During and after the search of the residence, and after being advised of his Miranda rights, defendant KOMAR admitted to law enforcement officers, among other things, in substance and in part, that: (1) he uses a P2P file sharing program to download child pornography; (2) he stores the images he downloads in hidden files on his electronic devices; (3) he has a large library of child

pornography which he estimates includes thousands of images and videos; and (4) he masturbates to images of child pornography on a daily basis.

6. Based upon my education, training and experience, and my discussions with other law enforcement officers, and to the best of my knowledge, the images described in paragraph 3 above traveled in interstate commerce and were produced using materials that were mailed and shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, that is, the images were downloaded from the Internet via the P2P network, based upon, among other things, their presence on defendant KOMAR's electronic devices and law enforcement's knowledge that defendant KOMAR has shared these images on an internet-based P2P network.