

## Signed Statement

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date: 11/10/2022

Place: Round Rock, Texas

Time: 9:30 AM

I, David Walther, date of birth [REDACTED]/1966, Social Security Number, [REDACTED] have been advised of my rights by Special Agent Nino Rudic of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who read to me an "Advice of Rights" form which I understood, signed, and dated. I waived my rights and agreed to give the following signed statement. SA Rudic told me that I was being interviewed regarding my possession/distribution of child pornography and contact if any of an illegal nature with a minor.

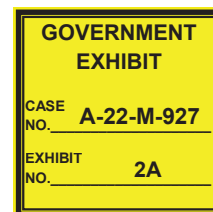
I am furnishing this statement voluntarily. No promises or threats of any kind have been made to me to provide this statement today. No one has tried to force me to cooperate today. I can read and write in the English language. At the beginning of my interview today, SA Rudic informed me that I was not under arrest and that I am free to leave at anytime. I am not under the influence of any drug or alcohol.

SA Rudic informed me today that my interview would be documented. He gave me the option of typing my own words. Instead, I asked him to type my words for me. It is easier for me to verbally explain my story and have him type my words for me. I worked with SA Rudic to document my rights. We also worked together to document my understanding of terminology used during my interview today. Regardless, I will read every word on this statement to make sure that it is 100% accurate, truthful and documented as I explained today.

I want to begin by saying that I am sorry I became involved in child pornography, specifically searching for, downloading, possessing and unknowingly distributing (through BitTorrent). I am ashamed and repulsed by my actions and behavior regarding child pornography. I have a lifelong problem of addiction to pornography that progressed to include child pornography. I wish I can get help I need to deal with my addiction. If there is no proven and accepted method to help with my addiction to child pornography, then I should be separated from society forever.

I know that child pornography involves images/videos depicting graphic sexual conduct with an underage child. I know that an underage/minor child is anyone under the age of 18.

I know and understand that illegal sexual contact with a minor involves an adult having sexual contact with a minor. I know that sexual contact includes actions like sexual intercourse and oral sex. It also involves touching the body/hair of a child for sexual gratification or touching bare or covered breasts for sexual gratification. Other actions like touching a minor's genitals, contact with the anus, rubbing bodies, fondling, and sensual kissing are also understood by me to involve sexual contact with a minor.



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The word production in context to this interview was described as the production and/or creation of images (still/video/digital) depicting child pornography.

The distribution of such content was described as digital transmission via any means to include but not limited to email, text, peer-to-peer software, messaging applications or physically handing the same to someone or some entity.

The word possession in context to this interview was described as the possession of images (still/video/digital) depicting child pornography. Possession includes but is not limited to digital and/or printed content.

The intentional search for and download of digital CP content was described but was not limited to the intentional use of search terms over the Internet regardless of browser type to locate digital CP content, the use of terms to locate images/IP addresses known to me for the purposes of locating CP content, the use of peer-to-peer software to locate the same, the use of messaging applications to locate the same, and/or any other means to digitally search for and download CP content.

Download was described as the digital transmission of content to any digital device.

Illegal sexual activity with a minor included but was not limited to eliciting naked pictures from minors, eliciting sexual act from a minor without an adult/subject touching, eliciting sexual acts from a minor by another minor, directing another adult to touch or engage in sexual contact with a minor, Internet activities (e.g. live camera, texting) with a minor for sexual gratification, grooming/conditioning a minor for future sexual contact or activity, etc.

I understand that the words child exploitation encompass the definitions as described above.

I have/use the following types of hardware (e.g. phone, laptop, tablets, gaming systems, etc):

- iPad [REDACTED], acquired approximately one year ago
- Dell XPS 13 [REDACTED] acquired approximately 3 years ago.
- I also had a Dell laptop that I sold when I acquired the new one. I utilized this laptop to access child pornography. I sold this laptop through either Facebook or Craig's List.
- Two SanDisk hard-drives (2TB capacity and 1 TB capacity) [REDACTED]

I never accessed or stored child pornography through my iPad, only through my two Dell laptops. I also stored child pornography on these two hard drives.

I am the only user of the above mentioned devices.

I have the following phone numbers:

- iPhone 13, [REDACTED]
- I would update my iPhones every two years. I have never accessed child pornography through my iPhones.

I have the following emails:

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I have the following social networks:

- Facebook [REDACTED]
- Instagram

I do not have any dating apps.

I use the following messaging apps:

- Facebook Messenger

I utilize the following P2P software:

- BitTorrent [REDACTED]. I access BitTorrent through Chrome or Edge browser and the website for BitTorrent is btdig.com. I would search for example "preteen" and access for child pornography. I would get TOR links, click on them and would download child pornography and open it and save through BitTorrent.

I use the following cloud services

- iCloud [REDACTED]
- Dropbox [REDACTED]
- Google Drive [REDACTED]

I also have an account with [REDACTED]. I would access regular porn on this websites, and several times I receive child pornography through the chat. I would view the images but I would never download them.

I do not have encryption methods, random email generators, VPN, etc.

I do not have any specific fantasy regarding child pornography. I would view any type of child pornography I could access or find. When I view child pornography, the ages of children were between eight to 17 years old, either posing sexually or engaged in sex acts with adults or other children. I also acknowledge there are many files with child pornography I possess that I do not know what are the ages because I never had chance to view them.

My best estimate for when I first saw child pornography images was when I was approximately 10 years old. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] approximately eight years ago, I started accessing pornography on regular basis, which led to accessing, searching for, and downloading child pornography. For the last three months, I

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have viewed child pornography every other day. I would describe my patterns of viewing child pornography as "download, view, delete," i.e. I would binge and purge my files every time I would view it.

Over the time, my best estimate is that I have had 500 MB in my possession of images/video depicting child pornography. They are primarily stored on my two SanDisk external hard drives. I would plug the hard drives in my laptop and view child pornography.

My purpose for downloading and viewing CP content is purely for my own sexual satisfaction. I do not view this type of sexual contact in fashion of hurt/harm/injure.

I last viewed child pornography yesterday. After I watched it, I deleted it. I deleted it because I am ashamed of my actions I have been unable to overcome my addiction.

I would view child pornography primarily in my residence on my laptop. At times, I would also take my laptop to church, where I worked as a pastor, and I would download child pornography in my office.

Recently, when I view pornography including child pornography, I sexually satisfy myself via masturbation once a month. In the past, I would masturbate to pornography including child pornography once or twice a week. When I masturbate to child pornography I usually ejaculate. My sexual arousal is limited to my home.

I have not produced any child pornography.

I do not stalk minors in the public and I do not take secret images of any minor. Nor do I have fantasies of stalking, harming/hurting any minor.

I do consider myself a pedophile. I understand that a pedophile is a person who is attracted to prepubescent children. I have not called myself one when chatting or messaging with anyone. I have constant urge to fight my addiction to child pornography.

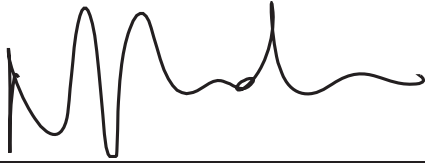
I do not know of any other users of child pornography, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I was treated fairly and professionally today and was offered breaks and water. My statement is voluntary. I have not been threatened in any way during this interview. No promises of any kind have been made to me in exchange for my information. I have read my statement and I have initialed each page. I hereby sign my statement verifying the accuracy and truthfulness of my words.

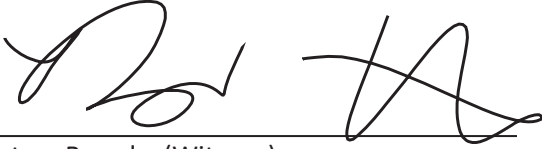
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Walther, David (Examinee)

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Rudic, Nino (Examiner)

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Horton, Brandy (Witness)

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Date