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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

United States Courts
Southern District of Texas
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Southern District of Texas

June 18, 2025

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

United States of America
v.

Jerry James SVATEK, Jr

Case No.

4:25-mj-370

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 June 17, 2025 in the county of Wharton in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section
18 U.S.C. 2252A(a)(5)(B)

Offense Description
Possession of Child Pornography

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attached Affidavit

Continued on the attached sheet.

Complainant's signature

Laura Gill, HSI Special Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me telephonically.

Date: 06/18/2025

Judge's signature

City and state: Houston, Texas

Christina Bryan, US Magistrate Judge

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Laura J. Gill, being duly sworn, depose and state:

1. I am a Special Agent with the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), assigned to Houston, Texas. I have been so employed since July 2009. I am currently assigned to the Child Exploitation Group. As part of my daily duties assigned to this group, I investigate criminal violations relating to child exploitation and child pornography including violations of Chapter 109A, Chapter 110, and Chapter 117, all contained within Title 18 of the United States Code. I have received training in child pornography and child exploitation, and I have had the opportunity to observe and review examples of child pornography in various forms of media including computer media. I have also participated in the execution of search warrants; a number of which involved child exploitation, child pornography, and online solicitation offenses

2. This affidavit is based on reports I have read and conversations I have had with law enforcement officers and investigators involved in this investigation. This affidavit does not set forth all of my knowledge in this matter but is intended only to show that there is probable cause to believe that Jerry James SVATEK, Jr. is in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B), which makes it a crime for any person to either knowingly possess, or knowingly access with intent to view, any book, magazine, periodical, film, videotape, computer disk, or any other material that contains an image of child pornography that has been mailed, or shipped or transported using any means or facility of interstate or foreign commerce or in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, or that was produced using

materials that have been mailed, or shipped or transported in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce by any means, including by computer;

3. On or about April 8th, 2025, an HSI Task Force Officer (TFO) and detective with the Boone, North Carolina Police Department, Jason Reid, was conducting an undercover online investigation related to a group identified as “W I R E Cummunity” on FetLife (hereafter the “TARGET SITE”) that had 1,956 members.

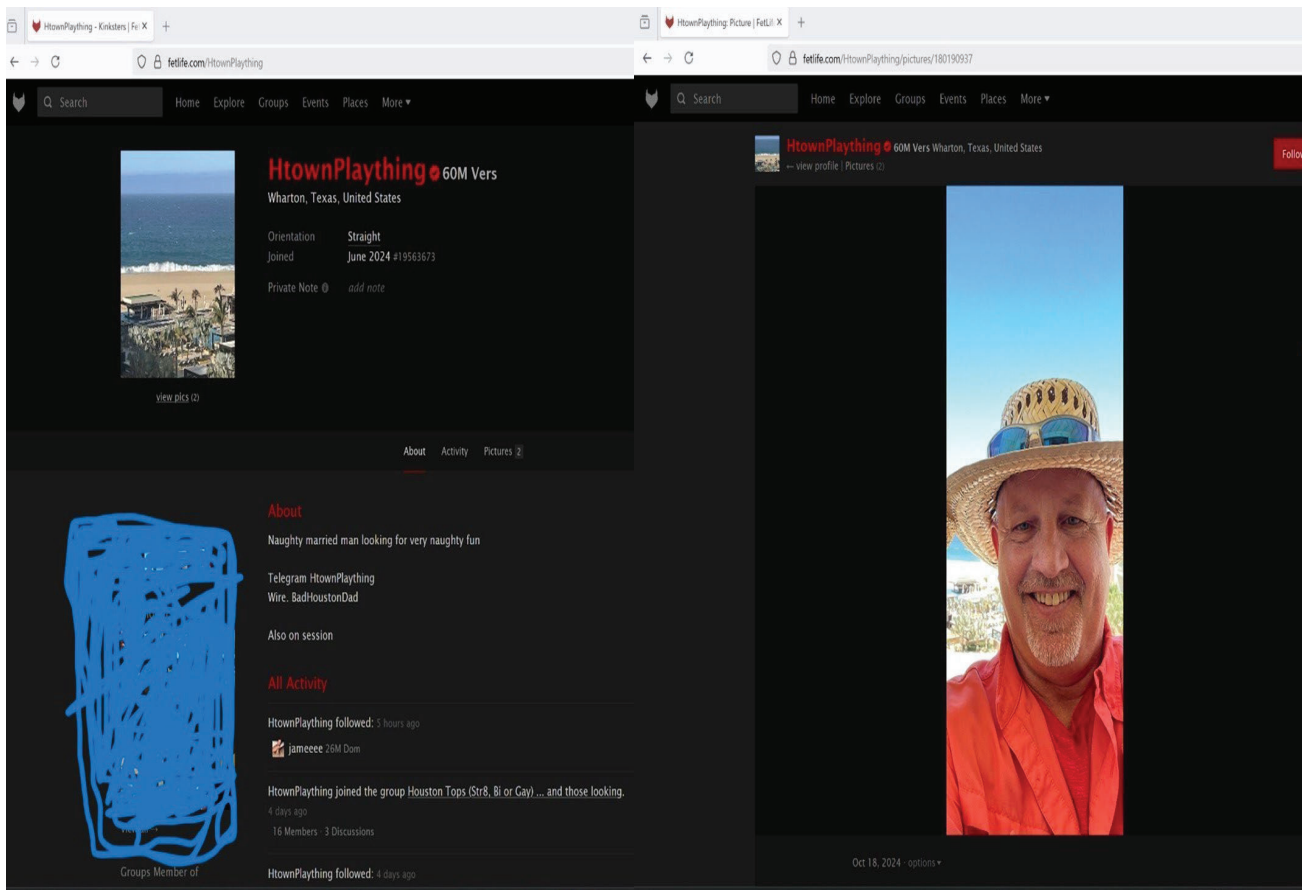
4. TFO Reid came across an individual with the username “JupiterAscenet,” posted a message on the TARGET SITE. The message was titled “Wire Group,” and said “Creating a group for all the disgusting and perverse things you degenerates love. The group will be open for any topic or content you want to discuss and share. Hoping to get a fun group together. No drama in the group. Be polite to each other. If you want to join message me your wire handle. All are welcome.”

5. During his investigation, Detective Reid saw that FetLife user “HtownPlaything” responded to “JupiterAscenet”’s group with the Wire username (*i.e.*, handle) “Badhoustondad.”

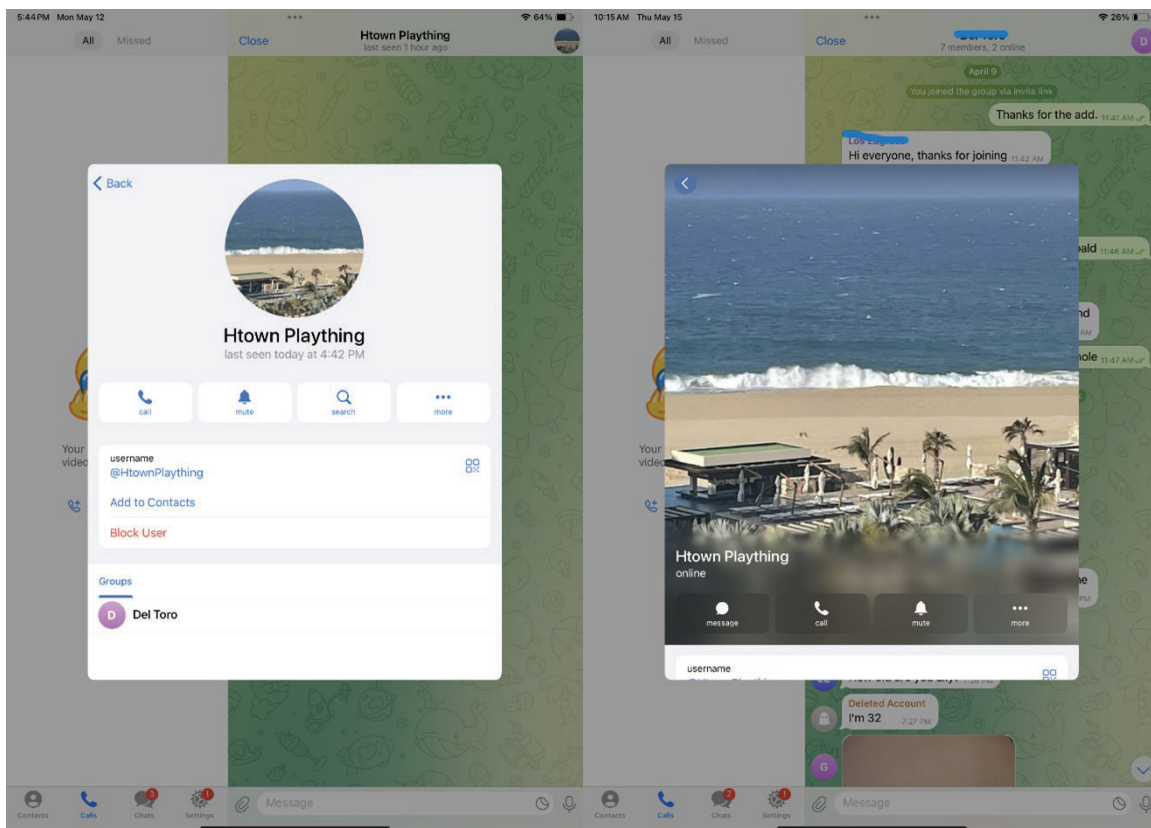
6. Detective Reid reviewed “HtownPlaything”’s FetLife profile page and saw the user appeared to be located in Wharton, Texas. Under the “About” section was the following:

“Naughty married man looking for very naughty fun, Telegram HtownPlaything, Wire. BadHoustonDad,” and “Also on session”

(The following images are screenshots taken by Detective Reid of the HtownPlaything’s FetLife profile page.)



7. Detective Reid responded to the JupiterAscenent post with his undercover Wire account username and noted he had been added to the Wire group “Pervs B Pervin.”
8. On or about April 8, 2025, through April 21, 2025, Detective Reid conducted investigative activities within the Pervs B Pervin group and did not note any activity by “HtownPlaything.”
9. On or about May 6, 2025, Detective Reid was added to Telegram group “Perverts church N1.”
10. Detective Reid saw “HtownPlaything” had also joined the Perverts church N1 Telegram group and had posted, “Any limits here?”
11. The following are images of screenshots taken by Detective Reid of the Telegram profile pages associated with “HtownPlaything.”



12. Another group member replied “No,” and followed the response with an approximately 28 second video that depicted a fully nude prepubescent Caucasian male approximately 7 to 9 years of age grab a prepubescent female approximately 5 to 7 years age who is nude from the waist down from behind and thrust his fully erect penis against her buttocks.

13. “HtownPlaything” replied to the post with, “Would love to walk in on them like that.”

14. On or about May 6, 2025, through May 9, 2025, Detective Reid continued to screen capture the posts and comments within the Telegram group “Perverts church N1,” which Detective Reid saw was ultimately deactivated on May 12, 2025.

15. On or about May 12, 2025, at approximately 4:58 p.m. (EDT), Detective Reid was added to TeleGuard group “kinky friends,” and received a direct message invite from “BadHoustonDad” who was also a member of the “kinky friends” group.

16. The following contains portions of the conversation that occurred between BadHoustonDad and the undercover persona of Detective Reid on or about May 12, 2025, through May 15, 2025.

BadHoustonDad	What is your favorite age
UC	Younger the better. Were you in the other group? Your name seems familiar.
BadHoustonDad	Mmmm. Love little bald pussy. Yes.
UC	I thought so. You really a dad?
BadHoustonDad	Any pics or vids to trade? Have a 4 yo granddaughter.
UC	I'm pretty much just into original content these days. Seen so much of the other.
BadHoustonDad	Uploaded the following image: The image is more fully described as that of a fully nude prepubescent Caucasian female approximately 4 to 6 years of age standing in a bathtub full of water facing away from the camera. The prepubescent female has long light brown or blonde hair, appears to be wearing a pink earring, and is slightly bent forward towards the waterspout of the tub.
UC	What's that?
BadHoustonDad	My granddaughter
UC	Ah, ok. My stuff isn't quite that tame.
BadHoustonDad	Uploaded the following image: The image is more fully described as that of a fully nude prepubescent Caucasian female approximately 4 to 6 years of age, wearing a pink earring, lying on her stomach in a bathtub full of water, facing away from the camera and holding a small clear ball in front of her mouth. The prepubescent female has one leg bent at the knee and her buttocks are exposed to the camera.
BadHoustonDad	Let's see some
UC	I'm not really into just ass shots. No offense man.
BadHoustonDad	Uploaded the following image: The image is more fully described as that of a fully nude prepubescent Caucasian female approximately 4 to 6 years of age, standing in a bathtub full of water. The prepubescent female is only visible from the neck down to just above her knees. She is facing towards the camera, and she has one of her hands placed on her buttock. The prepubescent female's vaginal area is clearly visible.
UC	Are you active with her I guess is what I'm asking before I start sending stuff that has me also.
BadHoustonDad	Uploaded the following image: The image is more fully described as that of a fully nude prepubescent Caucasian female approximately 4 to 6 years of age, standing facing the camera in a bathtub full of water. The prepubescent female has wet blonde or light brown hair, is wearing a pink earring, and is holding a small clear ball in each one of her hands. Her vaginal area is clearly visible.

BadHoustonDad	You have anything
UC	Yeah, but it involves me. That's why I asked.
BadHoustonDad	That's cool.
UC	What was your wire? We were in the same group?
BadHoustonDad	I do play with her
UC	Maybe I'm not being clear, I'm sorry. Ok, do you have stuff of y'all playing?
BadHoustonDad	Wire is BadHoustonDad
UC	Ok, we were in pervs be pervin?
BadHoustonDad	You sending anything
UC	Give me a minute, I'm at work. Do you have stuff of you and her playing though? All good if not.
BadHoustonDad	Not me and her but have some great vids of her
UC	What are they to make them great? Not asking to send. I just don't have anything saved that I'm not doing stuff in.
BadHoustonDad	Your files are safe with me
BadHoustonDad	Guess not
UC	Sorry man, told you I'm at work. Not trying to leave you on read or anything. What makes them great files? Why do you call yourself a dad?
BadHoustonDad	You sure have a lot of questions but don't share anything
UC	Because I want to make sure I'm dealing with someone of equal footing before I start sharing stuff. You say you're a dad, but then you say you're a grandfather. I typically only talk with parents because they're the few that have equal content.
UC	We can stop talking if it makes you uncomfortable.
BadHoustonDad	How do I know you're active and have anything to share. I have given you a taste of what I have.
UC	You don't. That's not stuff I'm interested in. That's why I was asking a few more questions to see if you did have stuff I was interested in before I started trading with you. It's all good though. Why does your picture you send say "crop"
BadHoustonDad	Because it is part of a vid I took
UC	Ok man, you have to get where I'm coming from. I just want to make sure you have legit access.
BadHoustonDad	I hear you but at some point you either trust me or you don't. I totally understand.
BadHoustonDad	I love showing off my granddaughter to nasty pervs. Love that they want to do naughty things to her. How old is yours?
UC	Sorry, also at work, not meaning to ignore you. She's 5. How old is your granddaughter?
BadHoustonDad	About to be 4. They have such a beautiful pussy at that age. Their tiny hands and mouth on your cock. So beautiful.
UC	I love the smoothness. I agree, the size of the little hands on a big cock.
BadHoustonDad	A big cock on their little bald pussy

UC	I've not done anything with penetration. Too nervous to have a doctor involved or something.
BadHoustonDad	Same here but have rubbed my cock all over her pussy and covered it in cum. I have cum all over my granddaughter's face. She looks so beautiful covered in my cum.
UC	I've never cummed on her face. I bet that's beautiful. You don't worry about her telling?
BadHoustonDad	Haven't got to do it in a while since she started talking. But before that I would get her naked and lick her pussy and ass and rubb my cock all over her and put it in her mouth. Now I just help her take a bath and make sure I get to feel her pussy as I clean her. I do let her see my cock every chance I get so she will get curious and want to touch it. I want her to be a little slut so bad. What about you?
UC	You aren't nervous about her parents? I do oral on her and paint her with cum.
BadHoustonDad	I don't push it with her and just letting her get more and more curious about it. Hoping she will want to play with it and keep it a secret.
UC	How often do you get to play with her?
BadHoustonDad	I got to give her a bath a couple of weeks ago. How often do you play As I wash her I left my fingers slide her bald puffy slit
BadHoustonDad	Can you share any pics of her
UC	I'm still working. Have something particular you want to see?
BadHoustonDad	Would love to see her beautiful little pussy
UC	Ok, wasn't sure if you were more a pussy man or ass man. You into boys too or just girls?
BadHoustonDad	Both

17. On May 12, 2025, an HSI received subscriber information from FetLife for "HtownPlaything": email: badhoustondad@yahoo.com, verified on June 18, 2024, UTC, and self-identified Kik username of "matagordafun."

18. During a search of available law enforcement databases, Detective Reid discovered a National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) Cyber Tipline report had been submitted for Kik username "matagordafun" on or about October 11, 2024, and within the report was the associated email address, matagordafun@gmail.com. Detective Reid learned there were two separate Cyber Tipline reports that had been submitted for Kik username "badhoustondad" in

June of 2024 that contained images and videos of child pornography he had received from other users, and the email address associated with the account was badhoustondad@yahoo.com.

19. On or about May 13, 2025, an HSI summons was served on Google for the subscriber information related to matagordafun@gmail.com. Google responded the same day with the following:

- Google Account ID: 183232775850
- Name: Matagorda
- Given Name: Matagorda
- Created On: 2024-06-20 12:35:35 Z
- Terms of Service IP: 2600:387:fa8:0:0:0:8
- Last Updated Date: 2025-05-09 12:10:05 Z

20. On or about May 13, 2025, an HSI summons was served on Yahoo, Inc. for subscriber information related to badhoustondad@yahoo.com. Yahoo, Inc. responded the next day with the following information:

- Other Identities: ienzskhfwrp44i5nbacnl2ra2nj7lfd517bcdo, badhoustondad
- Account Status: active
- Registration IP address: 2600:387:fd:98::3
- Registration Date: 2024-06-07T 16:20:20.000Z
- Full Name: needs fun
- Recovery Phone: +19795331606, verified on 2024-06-07T 16:20:20Z

21. On or about May 14, 2025, an HSI summons was served on AT&T Mobility for wireless number 979-533-1606 requesting subscriber information related to IP Address(es) 2600:387:f:a8:0:0:0:8 on June 20, 2024, at 12:36:35 UTC, 2600:387:f:9b::3 on May 9, 2025, at 12:20:05 UTC, 2600:387:f:a8::8 on May 2, 2025 at 18:51:55 UTC, and 2600:387:f:91::6 on April 25, 2025, at 23:29:30 UTC. AT&T Mobility responded the same day with the following information:

- Financial Liable Party/Billing Party Name: Energy Transfer Partners Midstream FN
- Credit Address: 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002
- Contact Information: Alex Aguilar, Alex.Aguilar@ENERGYTRANSFER.COM, (713) 989-7276 (work number)

USER INFORMATION:

- Name; Jerry J. SVATEK
- User Address: 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002
- Service Start Date: 10/14/2010
- MSISON: (979) 533-1606
- MSISON Active: 01/17/2022-Current

22. On May 14, 2025, a search of the Texas Driver License database for Jerry SVATEK showed an address at 1782 Burning Stone Drive, Boling, Texas 77420.

23. A search of publicly available information revealed SVATEK was listed as the President of the Boling Independent School District Board of Trustees, showing a cellphone number of (979) 533-1606, and an email address of Jerry.Svatek@energytransfer.com.

24. A search of the Wharton County Appraisal District for 1782 Burning Stone Drive, Boling, Texas revealed the owners of the residence to be Jerry J. SVATEK and Kimberly Svatek.

25. On May 21, 2025, HSI Houston Special Agents conducted surveillance at 1782 Burning Stone Drive, Boling, Texas and saw SVATEK leave his residence in a 2016 Ford F150, bearing Texas License Plate number JRZ0698, and travel to Energy Transfer Wharton Office located at 1333 E. Boling Highway, Wharton, Texas 77488. SVATEK accessed the secured parking lot of the business, exited his vehicle, and entered the main building.

26. On June 4, 2025, law enforcement obtained information from Telegram related to Telegram user “HtownPlaything” with the following information: User #5522181093 @HtownPlaything: +19795331606 [Htown Plaything], last login: IP 166.205.54.21, 3 Jun 2025 16:13:06 UTC.

27. The identification of Jerry James SVATEK, Jr. as the user of HtownPlaything and BadHoustonDad is supported by evidence obtained by Detective Reid during his investigation including the following:

- HtownPlaying's profile page on FetLife had BadHoustonDad listed as his username on Wire and HtownPlaything as his username on Telegram;
- NCMEC Cyber Tipline reports submitted by Kik listed badhoustondad@yahoo.com as the email address of an individual receiving child pornography;
- a subsequent HSI summons return from Yahoo identified the user of that email address had a recovery phone number of +19795331606, an HSI summons return from AT&T for wireless phone number 9795331606 identified the user of the wireless phone number as Jerry James SVATEK, Jr.;
- a search of publicly available information for SVATEK revealed he was the President of the Boling ISD Board of Trustees with a listed phone number of 9795331606;
- a search of the Texas Driver License database revealed SVATEK resided at 1782 Burning Stone Drive, Boling, Texas 77420; and
- a visual comparison of the profile picture uploaded by HtownPlaything on FetLife and the image on the Texas Driver License for Jerry James SVATEK, Jr. appeared to be of the same individual.

28. On June 17, 2025, SVATEK was stopped by the Texas Department of Public Safety for a traffic violation at 1301 E. FM 1306, in Wharton, Texas. An Apple iPhone 12 was seen on the center console of a 2016 Ford F150 truck, bearing Texas license plate JRZ 0698.

29. I approached SVATEK and identified myself. Once identified, SVATEK was asked if he would be willing to speak with agents in a vehicle that was parked along the road nearby. SVATEK confirmed his name, advised his address was 1782 Burning Stone Drive, in Boling, Texas, his employer as Energy Transfer, and his cellphone number as 979-533-1606. He said he is married, has two children of his own, a stepdaughter, and four grandchildren (three girls, and one boy). SVATEK confirmed he is the President of the Boling School Board.

30. SVATEK was provided a copy of the *Miranda* Warning to read as the it was read to him. affirmed he understood his rights as read and agreed to questioning. The following provides a brief account of the information obtained during the recorded Mirandized interview:

- SVATEK said people have sent him child pornography, the age of consent was 18;
- SVATEK thought it was illegal to distribute child pornography, but didn't know it was illegal to possess it or receive it;
- SVATEK would receive the child pornography, download the images and videos, and then would later delete it;

- The images and videos of child pornography were sent to him from other users on Telegram, Wire, and Kik;
- He confirmed his username on Wire was BadHoustonDad, on Telegram it was either BadHoustonDad or HtownPlaything;
- He stated he used one of the two previous usernames for his Kik account;
- SVATEK used the email address matagordafun@yahoo.com for Wire, Telegram, and Kik;
- SVATEK would predominately access the social media accounts while at work, he would get on the sites at home when he was alone;
- SVATEK advised he recognized the screenshot taken of the FetLife user HtownPlaything, identified his image, and said the beach image came from Cabo;
- SVATEK affirmed the conversation with the UC was familiar;
- SVATEK was shown screenshots of the prepubescent Caucasian female victim that he sent to the UC, and advised the images were cropped from a video he had taken of the victim in the guest bathroom of his residence;
- SVATEK denied touching the victim, who he identified by name, and stated she was about to be four years old;
- SVATEK said the statements he made to the UC regarding touching the victim were not true, it was fantasy. He admitted sharing the photographs of the victim in the bathtub. He interrupted when a portion of the chat was being read to him and said he knew what it said. When prompted to state the content he said, “that I have licked her, and I have rubbed my cock on her and all that.”;
- SVATEK admitted to requesting and receiving child pornography;
- SVATEK said he masturbates to the child pornography images and videos he downloads at work and has masturbated to it at home;
- He is the only user of the cellphone and provided the passcode to agents; and
- SVATEK gave written consent (recorded) to a search of the truck he was driving at the time he was stopped on traffic, and his residence.

31. Computer Forensic Analyst (CFA) Prentice Lucas conducted a preview of the Apple iPhone 12 and observed over 100 videos of child pornography in the recently deleted photo album.

32. I had an opportunity to observe the thumbnails of the videos found by CFA Lucas while on scene. The following is an example of four of the videos:

IMG_9204.mp4 is more specifically described as an approximately 58 second video that depicts a Caucasian infant victim approximately 3 to 6 months of age, the infant victim is wearing a white shirt while lying on an adult male’s upper leg. The adult male is manually manipulating the infants head up and down while his erect penis is in the infant victim’s mouth.

IMG_8932.mp4 is more specifically described as an approximately 48 second video that depicts a prepubescent Caucasian female victim approximately 6 to 9 years of age, lying on her

back appearing to be asleep, she is wearing a pink top or gown pushed above her waist. An adult Caucasian male pulls her yellow underwear down, rubs her vagina with his hand, and licks her vagina.

IMG_9134.mp4 is more specifically described as an approximately 27 second video that depicts an adult Caucasian male seated while his erect penis is penetrating the anus of a fully nude prepubescent Caucasian male approximately 10 to 12 years of age who is facing away from the adult male.

33. SVATEK drove his truck to 1782 Burning Stone Drive, Boling, Texas. HSI special agents, two marked DPS units, and a Texas Ranger followed.

34. Once at the residence, I reaffirmed SVATEK was giving his consent to search the residence.

35. I viewed the guest bathroom where SVATEK stated he had taken the video of the prepubescent female victim and observed the tile, tub, and liquid soap to be similar to those he had shared with the UC.

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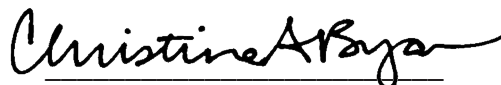
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36. Based on the foregoing information, your affiant believes there is probable cause to believe on or about September 22, 2018, SVATEK was in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B), possession of child pornography.



Laura J Gill
Special Agent
Homeland Security Investigations

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to me, via telephone,
this 18th day of June 2025, and I find probable cause.



The Hon. Christina A. Bryan
United States Magistrate Judge