

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BEAUMONT DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

DEREK BRYAN PEVETO

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No. 1:26CR 129 Crone-Hawthorn
Judge

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

INDICTMENT

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THE UNITED STATES GRAND JURY CHARGES:

Count One

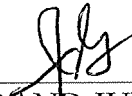
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Violation: 18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a) and (e)
(Sexual Exploitation of Children a/k/a
Production of Child Pornography)

On or about June 13, 2026, in the Eastern District of Texas, **Derek Bryan Peveto**, defendant, did knowingly employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce any minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing any visual depiction of such conduct, which visual depiction was produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer. Specifically, the defendant, **Derek Bryan Peveto**, did employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce Victim 1, a minor known to the Grand Jury, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct, using digital devices, including an Apple iPad tablet.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a) and (e).

A TRUE BILL



GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

JAY R. COMBS
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY



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Date: Oct. 7, 2026

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SHERMAN DIVISION

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NOTICE OF PENALTY

Count One

Violation: 18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a) and (e)

Penalty: Imprisonment for not less than 15 years and not more than 30 years; if the defendant has a prior conviction under this chapter, section 1591, chapter 71, chapter 109A, chapter 117, or under section 920 of title 10 (article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), or under the laws of any State relating to aggravated sexual abuse, sexual abuse, or abusive sexual conduct involving a minor or ward, or sex trafficking of children, or the production, possession, receipt, mailing, sale, distribution, shipment, or transportation of child pornography or sex trafficking of children, such person shall be imprisoned for not less than 25 years and not more than 50 years; if the defendant has two or more convictions under this chapter, section 1591, chapter 71, chapter 109A, chapter 117, or under section 920 of title 10 (article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), or under the laws of any State relating to the sexual exploitation of children, such person shall be imprisoned for not less than 35 years and not more than life; a fine of not more than \$250,000; and a term of supervised release of not less than five years to life.

Special Assessment: \$ 100.00

JVTA Assessment: \$ 5,000.00