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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

TALEEK BROOKS,
Defendant.

C O M P L A I N T

M. No. _____
(T. 18, U.S.C., §§
2251(a) and
2252(a)(4)(B))

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, SS.:

THOMAS THOMPSON, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), duly appointed according to law and acting as such.

In or about and between January 2008 and January 2011, both dates being approximate and inclusive, within the Eastern District of New York and elsewhere, the defendant TALEEK BROOKS did knowingly and intentionally employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce one or minors to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing visual depictions of such conduct, which visual depictions were produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a))

On or about January 13, 2012, within the Eastern District of New York, the defendant TALEEK BROOKS did knowingly and intentionally possess matters containing one or more visual

depictions, which visual depictions had been mailed, shipped and transported using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, and which were in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, and which were produced using materials which had been mailed, shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, the production of such visual depictions having involved the use of one or more minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct and such visual depictions were of such conduct.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B))

The source of my information and the grounds for my belief are as follows:¹

1. I have been a Special Agent with the FBI since December 2004, and am currently assigned to the New York Office. I have been assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children squad. I have been assigned to investigate violations of criminal law relating to the sexual exploitation of children. I have gained expertise in this area through training in classes and daily work related to conducting these types of investigations. As part of my responsibilities, I have been involved in the investigation of numerous child pornography cases and have reviewed thousands of photographs depicting children (less than eighteen years of age) being sexually exploited by

¹ Because the purpose of this complaint is merely to establish probable cause to arrest, I have not set forth all of the facts and circumstances concerning this investigation of which I am aware.

adults. Through my experience in these investigations, I have become familiar with methods of determining whether a child is a minor. I am also a member of the Eastern District of New York Project Safe Childhood Task Force.

2. I am familiar with the information contained in this affidavit based on my own personal participation in the investigation, my review of documents, my training and experience, and discussions I have had with other law enforcement personnel concerning the creation, distribution, and proliferation of child pornography. Additionally, statements attributable to individuals herein are set forth in sum and substance and in relevant part.

3. On January 10, 2012, the Honorable Ramon E. Reyes, Jr. signed a search warrant authorizing the search of a residence located on Lafayette Avenue in Brooklyn, New York (the "SUBJECT PREMISES"). In my Affidavit in Support of an Application for a Search Warrant of the SUBJECT PREMISES, I stated that on or about December 29, 2011, an undercover FBI special agent had signed into a peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing program and downloaded nine (9) images and two (2) video files depicting child pornography from the shared directories of a user with the username "T.S." Records obtained from Verizon Internet Services showed that the IP address utilized by T.S. was subscribed to "TALEEK BROOKS" and that the address associated with the IP address was the SUBJECT PREMISES.

4. On January 13, 2012, I and other law enforcement

agents executed a search of the SUBJECT PREMISES. The defendant TALEEK BROOKS was present during the execution of the warrant and confirmed that he resided at the SUBJECT PREMISES.

5. During the execution of the search warrant, among other items, a computer and two external hard drives were seized from the defendant TALEEK BROOKS's bedroom. In addition, during the execution of the warrant, I interviewed the defendant TALEEK BROOKS. BROOKS was given his Miranda rights, which he waived. BROOKS admitted, in sum and substance and in relevant part, that he has been using a P2P program and the screenname abbreviated T.S. to trade child pornography. BROOKS further admitted that he has been downloading and sharing child pornography for approximately seven years. BROOKS indicated that he has collected and saved over 1,000 digital files on his computers containing child pornography. BROOKS admitted that he views and trades child pornography on a daily basis and masturbates to child pornography approximately three times a week. BROOKS indicated that the ages of the children in the child pornography he collected were approximately 10 years old and older. BROOKS further stated, and law enforcement has confirmed, that he was employed by the New York City Department of Education as a para-professional at P.S. 243, the Weeksville School, in Brooklyn, and that he worked at the after-school program at P.S. 243 through the Madison Square Boys and Girl Club.

6. On January 13, 2012, the defendant TALEEK BROOKS was arraigned on a complaint charging him with knowingly and

intentionally transporting and shipping child pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(1). A copy of the Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

7. A partial preliminary computer forensic examination of the computer equipment seized from BROOKS's bedroom has been conducted. Pursuant to that examination, numerous images of apparent child pornography that appear to have been produced by BROOKS were discovered. These videos and images include a video of BROOKS touching a pre-pubescent child's penis. BROOKS also videotaped himself spanking a naked child. The videos captured conduct taking place in a school classroom. A preliminary analysis reveals that these videos and images appear to have been produced between January 2008 and January 2011, both dates being approximate and inclusive, with digital cameras and computer equipment which had previously been mailed, shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce.

WHEREFORE, Your affiant respectfully requests that the defendant TALEEK BROOKS be dealt with according to law.

Thomas Thompson
Special Agent - FBI

Sworn to before me this
7th day of February, 2012

THE HONORABLE JOAN M. AZRACK
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK