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WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
LAFAYETTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VERSUS

MATTHEW MATHERNE (01)

* CRIMINAL NO.
* 18 U.S.C. § 2423(a)
* 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)
* 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B)
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* 6:24-CR-00024-01
* Judge Summerhays
Magistrate Judge Whitehurst

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT 1

**TRANSPORTATION OF A MINOR WITH THE INTENT TO ENGAGE
IN CRIMINAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY
18 U.S.C. § 2423(a)**

On or about the 1st day December, 2023, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MATTHEW MATHERNE, did transport a minor under the age of 18 years of age, in interstate commerce, with the intent that the minor engage in a sexual activity for which any person could be charged with a criminal offense, that is, felony carnal knowledge of a juvenile, in violation of Louisiana Revised Statute 14:80, all in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 2423(a). [18 U.S.C. § 2423(a)].

COUNT 2

**PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY
18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)**

On or about the 15th day December, 2023, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MATTHEW MATHERNE, did employ, use, persuade, induce, entice

and coerce a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of said conduct, using materials that had been mailed, shipped and transported in or affecting interstate and foreign commerce, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 2251(a). [18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)].

COUNT 3

**POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY
18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B)**

On or about the 25th day December, 2023, in the Western District of Louisiana, the defendant, MATTHEW MATHERNE, did knowingly possess, a cell phone that contained an image of child pornography, as defined by Title 18 United States Code, Section 2256, that was produced using materials that had been mailed, shipped and transported in or affecting interstate and foreign commerce, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B). [18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B)].


A TRUE BILL.

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