UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

V.

Mag. No. 23-15120

CHRISTIAN STEFAN WALTHER,

:

I, Special Agent Isidro Cruz, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SEE ATTACHMENT A

I further state that I am a Special Agent with the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations, and that this Complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHMENT B

continued on the attached page and made a part/hereof.

Isidro Cruz, Special Agent

Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Investigations

Special Agent Cruz attested to this Affidavit by telephone pursuant to FRCP 4.1(b)(2)(A) on March 24, 2023, in the District of New Jersey. 13:15pm

Honorable Edward S. Kiel

Edward S. Kiel

United States Magistrate Judge

ATTACHMENT A

(Travel With Intent to Engage in Illicit Sexual Conduct)

On or about March 23, 2023, in Essex County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, the defendant,

CHRISTIAN STEFAN WALTHER,

did knowingly travel into the United States for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2423(f), with another person, that is a sexual act (as defined in section 2246) with a person under 18 years of age.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2423(b).

ATTACHMENT B

- I, Isidro Cruz, am a Special Agent with the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations ("HSI"). I have been personally involved in the investigation of this matter. The information contained in this criminal Complaint is based on my personal knowledge and on information obtained from other sources, including but not limited to statements made or reported by witnesses with knowledge of relevant facts and law enforcement officers. Because this affidavit is submitted for the sole purpose of establishing probable cause to support the issuance of a Complaint, I have not included each and every fact known to the Government concerning this matter. Where statements of others are set forth herein, these statements are related in substance and in part. Where I assert that an event took place on a particular date and time, I am asserting that it took place on or about the date and time alleged.
- 1. Since in or around January 2023, law enforcement has been investigating the defendant, Christian Stefan Walther ("WALTHER"), for child exploitation offenses. During the investigation, two undercover officers ("UC-1" and "UC-2") communicated with WALTHER via email, phone, and an encrypted messaging app concerning WALTHER's desire for sexual encounters with young children. During this correspondence, UC-1 and UC-2 purported to be members of a group of child predators who had access to young children.
- 2. On or about January 4, 2023, WALTHER, using an e-mail account containing a derivation of his name ("Email Account 1"), began corresponding with UC-1. During the exchange, WALTHER stated that his "favorite age is 8-12." UC-1 replied that "[w]e have ages 0 and 11. We are in America." WALTHER replied that he was "in Germany and also german but I . . . can certainly fly over for a really good fun time." WALTHER further stated that he "love[d] the fact you only have girls and that you meet in groups and you all get to play with the littles."
- 3. On or about January 15, 2023, WALTHER, using Email Account 1, began corresponding with UC-2. On or about January 17, 2023, WALTHER wrote: "An active participation is obviously my goal." On or about January 17, 2023, UC-2 wrote: "Given the distance, when were you hoping to travel." On or about January 17, 2023, WALTHER wrote: "Given the distance, i am hoping around march-april and if possible also in the future. Unfortunately, my employer won't let me have a week off earlier than that." UC-2 wrote: "That's not a problem at all."
- 4. On or about January 18, 2023, WALTHER, using Email Account 1, wrote: "Hello my friend, Sorry for the delay. I fell asleep-time difference. I send you the following link, hoping it works..."

5. The link provided in the e-mail from WALTHER contained a zip file titled "For [UC-2].zip." The zip file contained the following two videos:

File name	Description
[Video-1]	This video features an adult male and a prepubescent aged female child in what appears to be a bathroom. The male's face is not visible. The child is clothed and is seen performing oral sex on the adult male's erect penis. The male continues to ejaculate in the child's mouth, and she spits what appears to be semen in a toilet.
[Video-2]	This video features an adult male engaged in vaginal and anal sexual intercourse with a prepubescent aged female child.

- 6. During subsequent exchanges with UC-2, WALTHER, using Email Account 1, explained his desires. On or about January 18, 2023, WALTHER wrote: "I am a huge fan of oral sex the deeper the better and you already know that i want to go balls deep in their throats and fuck them, probably with a little force. . . . As you can see i am a perv to some extent who wants to enjoy their smooth bodies. With regards to age, i like them to be 8-12 . . ."
- 7. On or about January 18, 2023, WALTHER, using Email Account 1, sent UC-2 an attachment of an attachment of an image showing what appears to be a German identification card with an affixed facial picture and the following handwritten note:

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Can't wait to meet you and the goodies.

Greetings,

Christian

- 8. On or about January 18, 2023, WALTHER, using Email Account 1, wrote: "Thank you my friend i simply cannot wait. It is such a shame that i am that far away from you. The thought of fucking little ones balls deep in their small openings just drives me absolutely nuts. . . . I don't think it would deter me at all if they don't want to play, probably the opposite would be true for me."
 - 9. On or about January 19, 2023, WALTHER, using Email Account 1,

continued to plan the activities that would take place when he arrived in New Jersey:

WALTHER:

. . . I am thinking about creating a nice challenge between the two who is more naughty and more slutty.

Yes, let us proceed making some concrete arrangements. What time in march/april would be suitable for you? I guess for me the best would be from the 20th of march till about 9th of April, sometime in that timeframe.

<u>UC-2</u>:

That time frame is open for me let me check [UC-1] and my other friend. I like your challenge, make it a game for the littles. My only rules are bring condoms-they are a must, bring lubricant, and you can not leave any marks on the littles. My gf is also off limits. The "mommy fee" that I mentioned, \$300 American, is for both days.

<u>WALTHER</u>

Sounds great, we just have to agree on a specific date later on. Your 4 rules will be adhered to on my end. The fee is a given for me. That has always been the least of my concerns. Have you decided already which little ones you will bring?

<u>UC-2</u>:

... I am going to see if my other friend is available, I don't believe you have seen her pictures yet, she's relatively new. We haven't taken much, if any pics of her.

WALTHER:

Yes, love it. . . . Can you reveal what age they are? Or will you keep that one a secret?

UC-2:

Glad to hear that:-) They are both 11. The newer one is 10, I believe.

WALTHER:

OMG! Perfect age – for poking their holes with a hard cock you are one lucky man, my friend. If i was in your shoes, i would do them daily

10. On or about January 21, 2023, WALTHER, using Email Address 1, continued to plan the activities that would take place when he arrived in New

Jersey: . . . I heard back from my other friend. He can <u>UC-2</u>: make those dates work in March, so we will have 3 littles for that party. . . . I am completely over moon that there will be WALTHER: 3 littles. I will surely try to spread my love evenly . . . I can't wait anymore to be honest, I want to play with littles! I can come to newark airport - is it Newark Liberty International? And yes, I would love the possibility if someone can pick me up - otherwise I can use a cab or so. I looked at the timetable. My preferred dates, provided we are talking a weekend would be the 31.03/01.04./02.04, alternatively a week earlier. If we don't talk weekends I would arrive on 24th or 25th and stay for like 10days or so. The 24th would be perfect! Would you still UC-2: stay 10 days if you came out then? We usually party all weekend (Friday-Sunday) Yes, it's Newark Liberty International. We can absolutely pick you up. Okay, I will book a flight for these days. I am WALTHER: thinking about arriving on the 23rd of March just to eliminate any potential jetlag and be ready for some serious partying. Tell me, is it worthwhile staying 10 days? My dream holiday would be to have littles during that time who are open for business. Regards, Christian

UC-2:

. . . It is totally up to you on how many days to

stay. The girls do have to go back to school during

the week but I could make my gf's daughter available during the week. I like the idea about arriving the day before to avoid jet lag, that's smart.

WALTHER:

I think I will stay for a few more days. How old is your gf's daughter if I may ask and have you trained her? Yeah I kind of knew that they would have to go back to school, unless it is the Easter holidays. Maybe that was wishful thinking... Thanks, I think I will fly in on Thrursday before the start of the party.

Please don't be offended, but I wouldn't mind having a little pot while in the states

UC-2:

My gf's daughter is 11. No offense at all. My gf usually brings "party favor." She's a big fan of coke. We can definitely get you weed.

11. On or about January 27, 2023, WALTHER, using Email Address 1, informed UC-2 that he had booked a flight to New Jersey:

<u>WALTHER</u>: Hey [UC-2],

shit I've done it. The flight is booked. Touching down on the 23rd of March at shortly past 3pm in the afternoon. Will probably take an hour before i get through customs and grab my luggage.

- 12. On or about January 27, 2023, WALTHER, using Email Account 1, sent UC-2 an attachment of an e-ticket for a flight record showing a departure from Frankfurt, Germany and an arrival to Newark, New Jersey on Thursday, March 23, 2023 on United Airlines flight 961.
- 13. Beginning or about February 6, 2023, WALTHER, using Email Account 1, informed UC-2 that he continued to make arrangements for his trip to New Jersey:

WALTHER: Hi [UC-2],

I made another commitment towards my time in

the US. I booked myself a nice place close to the train station Journal Square from the 26th of March to the 31 of March and I sincerely hope the area is allright. For the time from the 23rd to the 26th, I am putting my faith into your hands, that you can book me into a room in the party hotel.

Let me tell you, I am almost at a point where I don't want to wait any longer and it is still more than 6 weeks to go. I keep having very naughty dreams about the little ones

That's awesome! Journal square is a really nice area. Very upscale, you will love it!

What kind of dreams are you having? I love that! A lot of friends have said the same thing. I'm so excited for you. There is nothing better than seeing a friend's first time!

I am completely trusting your judgement regarding the area I will stay in.

. . .

In a very detailed way (and I already apologize for the length)

. . .

She is so wonderfully warm and tight. I end up balls deep in her pussy and I lean over to ask her if she wants it hard - she nods so I bang her like a 30year old woman. I leave a gaping hole where it matters most . . .

... Just remember, you have to be careful be you can't fuck an 11 year old like a 30 year old woman, we can't risk hurting them

... I would be grateful if you can tell me how to best go about fucking her (and also the others) and i have no intention of hurting them, trust me

<u>UC-2</u>:

WALTHER:

<u>UC-2</u>:

WALTHER:

- I just want to have fun. . . .

14. On or about February 7, 2023, the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (U.S. Customs and Border Protection) showed the following information had been provided:

Name: WALTHER, Christian Stefan

Citizenship: GERMANY

Email address: [Email Address 1]

<u>Phone number</u>: [Cell Phone 1]

US Contact: [Hotel Name] JERSEY CITY, NJ

- 15. On or about February 14, 2023, WALTHER, using Email Address 1, wrote: "And it is sooooooo much appreciated. And you are right it is exciting, I still can't find any words. I am so much looking forward to it. Here is my cell phone nber: [Cell Phone 1] Just remember I am 6 hours ahead of your time Also, don't underestimate that it is not cheap to call overseas. We can also use [Encrypted Messaging App] calls or some other messenger service. And thanks again for everything my friend."
- 16. On or about March 12, 2023, UC-2 received a phone call from Cell Phone 1. The caller identified himself as "Christian," explained that he expected his flight to the Newark airport to arrive around 3:05 PM on an upcoming Thursday, and stated that he had lied to his friends about the purpose of his travel to the United States because "[he] can't tell them why [he is] going over there." The caller also stated he would have condoms and lubricant for his sexual encounters with children. The caller also stated that he would withdraw the \$300 in United States currency for the "mommy fee," which is payable to UC-2's girlfriend, and asked UC-2 to pick him up from the Newark airport.
- 17. At approximately 4:30 p.m. on or about March 23, 2023, WALTHER exited the federal inspection area of Newark International Airport, was observed having a phone call with UC-2, and was subsequently arrested.
- 18. After his arrest, WALTHER was advised of his <u>Miranda</u> rights, waived them in writing, and made a recorded statement. WALTHER stated that he flew from Frankfurt to New Jersey for vacation and to participate in sexual encounters with children under age 12. WALTHER stated that he communicated with UC-1 and UC-2 regarding sexual encounters with children under age 12 using Email Account 1, Cell Phone 1, and an encrypted messaging

app. WALTHER consented to a search of his checked luggage, and condoms and lubricant were recovered.