

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CRIMINAL NO.

CR-08-215

v.

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EMERSON VINCENT BRIGGS

Defendant.

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STATEMENT OF OFFENSE

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11, defendant EMERSON VINCENT BRIGGS ("BRIGGS") and the United States agree and stipulate as follows:

At all times relevant to this offense, BRIGGS was employed as an attorney at "Firm A", a law firm located on K Street, Northwest, Washington, DC.

On April 24, 2006, one of Firm A's information technology technicians determined that BRIGGS' laptop computer contained child pornography images. The technician retrieved BRIGGS' laptop computer from his office. A review of BRIGGS' laptop by Firm A's management determined that the computer contained sexually explicit images of children. The laptop was turned over to the FBI.

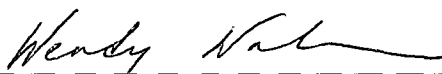
Beginning in November 2005 or earlier and continuing until his discovery in April 2006, BRIGGS used his work laptop to deliberately download and store multiple videos of child pornography while in his office at Firm A in the District of Columbia. He obtained the images using the peer-to-peer software application LimeWire. BRIGGS entered search terms associated with child pornography, including "childlover pedo rape 11yo nude", to receive images of child

pornography through the LimeWire program. The images of child pornography that BRIGGS knowingly received and possessed on his laptop computer had been mailed, shipped or transported in interstate commerce. BRIGGS periodically opened and viewed the videos of child pornography contained on his laptop, including while he was traveling outside the District of Columbia.

BRIGGS used a computer to obtain and store the child pornography images that he knowingly possessed and received, a number of which involved prepubescent minors or minors who had not attained the age of 12 years. Furthermore, several of the video files knowingly possessed and received by BRIGGS portrayed sadistic and masochistic conduct or other depictions of violence, *i.e.*, images showing the penetration of prepubescent children by adult males.

Respectfully submitted,

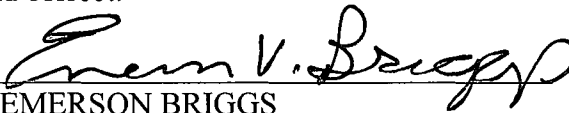
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DEFENDANT'S ACCEPTANCE

I have read every word of this Statement of Offense. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11, after consulting with my attorney, I agree and stipulate to this Statement of Offense, and declare under penalty of perjury that, based upon my personal knowledge and information provided to me which I believe to be accurate, it is true and correct.

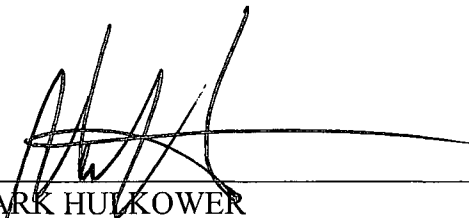
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EMERSON BRIGGS  
Defendant

ATTORNEY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read this Statement of Offense and reviewed and discussed it with my client. I am satisfied that his decision to stipulate to this Statement of Offense is knowing and voluntary.

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