

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Norfolk Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

STACEY STOREY,

Defendant.

No. 2:24-cr-103

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF ISSUANCE OF AN ARREST WARRANT

I, Paul G. Wolpert, being first duly sworn state:

1. I am a Special Agent of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), currently assigned to the Office of Professional Responsibility. Prior to my current assignment, I was assigned to the Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC), Norfolk, Virginia. I have been so employed since April 2002. As part of my daily duties as an HSI agent, I investigated criminal violations related to child exploitation of children as well as other violations involving the use of the Internet, including the creation and distribution of obscenity.

2. Your affiant has participated in the investigation of the offenses described in this affidavit. As a result of your affiant's participation in this investigation and a review of reports made by other law enforcement officers, your affiant is familiar with the circumstances of this on-going investigation. I have not included each and every fact known to me in this affidavit, but only the facts I believe are necessary to establish probable cause to believe STACEY STOREY has engaged in the crimes of conspiracy to create and distribute animal crush videos, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 371 and 48(a)(2), (a)(3).

3. I submit this affidavit in support of an arrest warrant related to the criminal information filed charging STOREY with conspiracy to create and distribute animal crush videos, 2:24cr103.

PROBABLE CAUSE TO ARREST STACEY STOREY

4. In June 2022, HSI Norfolk initiated an investigation into individuals involved with the conspiracy and production, sale, and distribution of monkey torture videos. The individuals created and participated in group discussions through encrypted chat services in which the discussions revolved around the abuse, torture, and destruction of various aged monkeys. The chat communications included the discussion of the types of torture the members wished to see, and the methods of providing "donations" to help pay the individuals to make the videos. The original primary subject was Michael Macartney, aka "Torture King" who resided in

Chesapeake, Virginia. Since the start of the investigation several individuals throughout the conspiracy, including Macartney, have since plead guilty and been sentenced.

5. The investigation of the conspiracy identified defendant STACEY STOREY, who resides in Alabama, as one of the chat group creators dedicated to the production and distribution of animal crush videos. STOREY communicated with Macartney and others, and briefly “teamed” up to expand their individual groups and trade their respective personal videos. STOREY used the online monikers “Sadistic,” “Sadistic Queen,” and “SadisticMindfuck,” among others.

6. In October 2022, STOREY was consensually interviewed by HSI agents in Alabama. STOREY initially claimed her online accounts were hacked, but eventually admitted to viewing videos depicting the torture and death of monkeys. At the conclusion of the interview STOREY provided her cellphone and a laptop computer to the agents for a forensic review. The results of the search revealed 82 videos of monkey torture on her cellphone.

7. As part of the investigation, HSI Norfolk agents obtained records for various payment accounts used by the groups to pay for the production of animal crushing videos, to include PayPal, Cashapp, and Venmo. A review of the logs indicated that STOREY received over \$2800 in small payments from other group members to then forward to her contact in Indonesia to get the videos made.

8. An example of one of the videos that was produced occurred in April 2022 when the discussion within the group referenced the “ants in a jar idea,” and individuals sent money to STOREY. The money was then forwarded to the producer in Indonesia. Shortly thereafter a video was sent to STOREY which depicted the torture of a monkey which was placed in a jar filled with fire ants. The monkey is eventually removed from the jar and is sodomized from the anus through its mouth with a stick causing its death.

9. In April 2023, a search warrant was executed at the residence of Jeffrey Radtke who was another conspirator in Minnesota. The payment records indicated that STOREY had sent Radtke the payments to get the animal crush videos created. Radtke then sent the money to the individual in Indonesia. Subsequent exams of Radtke’s seized electronics revealed chat communications from various monkey torture groups. A review revealed that STOREY had recently become active again throughout the groups after her interview with HSI using the screen name “Sadistic”.

10. In June 2023, STOREY was again interviewed in Alabama by HSI Norfolk agents. During the interview STOREY initially stated she had provided access to her accounts for others to use and claimed to not have been on the chatting platforms “for a long time.” The agents informed STOREY they were in possession of chat logs, and her online account records, and the access logs indicated that they were only accessed from her area in Alabama. STOREY then claimed to have gone back online a month prior in an attempt to obtain more information about others to provide to law enforcement. At the conclusion of the interview, STOREY provided her cellphone to the agents for an examination, and consent to access her online chat account.

11. A review of the cellphone revealed 675 videos, and 11,000 images depicting animal crushing. A review of her online chat account revealed that after returning to the groups, STOREY reached out to former members and asked if they had any of her videos so she could get them back. STOREY even specifically mentioned the number (13) of videos she was looking for which coincided with the number of times she sent money to Radtke to get the new videos produced. Several of her former members were able to send the videos to her. A review of the videos STOREY had created also revealed they were watermarked with her online monikers.

12. A review of the chat communications and payment records indicated that STOREY had been involved in animal crushing activities from approximately August 2021 to June 2023. STOREY's involvement with Michael Macartney was conducted from approximately February – July 2022.

13. Based on the information and evidence set forth above, your affiant respectfully submits that there is probable cause to believe that STACEY STOREY has committed the following offenses: Conspiracy and Creation and Distribution of Animal Crush Videos, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 371 and 48(a)(2), (a)(3).

14. Accordingly, I request that a warrant be issued authorizing the arrest of STACEY STOREY.

Paul G. Wolpert
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Department of Homeland Security
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
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Sworn to before me this _____ day of December, 2024.

United States Magistrate Judge
Eastern District of Virginia