UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

No. <u>08-3499-</u> ELT

UNI	ΓED STATES OF AMERICA			
vs.				
ROB	BERT CARAGOL,			
	Defendant/			
	CRIMINA	AL COVER SHEET		
1.	Did this matter originate from a matter pending in the Northern Region of the United States Attorney's Office prior to October 14, 2003? YesX_ No			
2.	Did this matter originate from a matter pending in the Central Region of the United States Attorney's Office prior to September 1, 2007? Yes _X No			
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	United States District Court			
SOUTHERN	_ DISTRICT OF	FLORIDA		
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	A			
V.		CRIMINAL COMPLAINT		
ROBERTO CARAGOL				

I, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. From in or around August 2004 and continuing through in or around April 2008, in Broward County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant did knowingly possess matter, that is, a computer file, which contained any visual depiction that had been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, the production of such visual depiction having involved the use of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in Title, 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2), and such visual depiction was of such conduct, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B).

I further state that I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Alexis Carpinteri

Federal Bureau of Investigation

CASE NUMBER: 08-3499-FGT

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence,

EDWIN G. TORRES

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Name and Title of Judicial Officer

Miami, Florida

City and State

Signature of Judicial Officer

AFFIDAVIT OF SPECIAL AGENT ALEXIS CARPINTERI IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Your affiant is Alexis Carpinteri, Special Agent (SA) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), who, being duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

- 1. I am an investigative or law enforcement officer of the United States within the meaning of Section 2510(7) of Title 18 United States Code. That is, I am an officer of the United States, who is empowered by law to conduct investigations of and make arrests for, offenses enumerated in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2422, 2423, 2251 and 2252, et seq.
- 2. I am a Special Agent (SA) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) having been so since January 1997. Currently, I am assigned to the investigation of cases involving crimes against children. These investigations have included the utilization of surveillance techniques, undercover activities, the interviewing of subjects and witnesses, and the planning and execution of search, arrest and seizure warrants. I am also a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force for the Southern District of Florida. The ICAC Task Force is composed of a group of federal, state, and local law enforcement entities and is aimed to combat child exploitation. The ICAC Task Force includes members from Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), among other law enforcement entities.
- 3. Together with the ICAC Task Force, I am conducting an investigation involving the sexual exploitation of children and related activities of the individual named herein. I have personally participated in the investigation of the offenses referred to herein, and because of my personal participation in this investigation and reports made to me by members of the participating law

enforcement agencies; I am familiar with the facts and circumstances of this investigation. I have participated in investigations involving pedophiles, preferential child molesters, and persons who collect and/or distribute child pornography, along with the importation and distribution of materials relating to the sexual exploitation of children. I have received training in the area of child pornography and child exploitation through the FBI. I have observed and reviewed examples of child pornography. I also have assisted in several child pornography and child exploitation investigations, which have involved reviewing examples in all forms of media including computer media, and have discussed and reviewed these materials with other law enforcement officers. As an FBI agent, I have reviewed hundreds of images and videos of child pornography.

- 4. Although I am familiar with the full breadth of the facts and circumstances of this investigation, I have not included in the affidavit each and every fact known to me about the matters set forth herein, but only those facts and circumstances that I believe are sufficient to establish probable cause for this Court to sign an arrest warrant.
- 5. This affidavit is made in support of securing an arrest warrant and criminal complaint for **ROBERTO M. CARAGOL** (hereinafter referred to as **CARAGOL**). Based on information provided and my experience, I believe probable cause exists that **CARAGOL** used a computer in his residence to violate Title 18 USC 2252(a)(4)(B), which makes it unlawful to knowingly possess matter that contains child pornography.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION

- 6. A Cybertip was received from America Online (AOL) that an individual using the email address of CAMPOS123@aol.com had forwarded an email to multiple recipients that contained three (3) images that appeared to be child pornography.
- 7. In August of 2008, this Cybertip was directed to the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), Law Enforcement Against Child Harm (LEACH), which is also a part of the ICAC Task Force. A BSO Detective and ICE Senior Special Agent received the information.
- 8. Subscriber information revealed that the subscriber to the email address of CAMPOS123 was ROBERTO CARAGOL at a particular residence in Plantation, Florida. Investigators subsequently discovered that ROBERTO CARAGOL is an assistant swim coach at Pine Crest School in Broward, County.
- 9. On October 17, 2008, the BSO Detective and the ICE Senior Special Agent interviewed CARAGOL at his residence. CARAGOL stated that CAMPOS123@aol.com was his email address but denied receiving, distributing, or possessing child pornography at that time. Although he did not make any admissions regarding the information contained in the Cybertip, CARAGOL did voluntarily provide his laptop computer to the law enforcement officers and consented to a search of the computer.
- 10. A forensic examination was conducted by the ICE Senior Special Agent who discovered approximately 40 thumbnails (condensed size versions of original files) containing images of young boys under the age of 18 who were engaged in sexual activity and some of nude young boys. Some of the images were saved in the "\Documents and Settings\Robert\My Documents\My Pictures\Thumbs.db" file.

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11. On November 18, 2008, CARAGOL was interviewed at the BSO Substation by an FBI Special Agent. During the voluntary interview, CARAGOL admitted that, in Broward County from 2003 until 2008, he had sent, received, or possessed at least a couple of hundred images of young boys, some of whom were engaging in sexual activity, using his computer. He was shown some of the images that had been recovered from the forensic examination of his computer and admitted that he recalled viewing those images on his computer. He also stated that he may have additional stored media containing images of child pornography at his residence. CARAGOL told the FBI Special Agent that he had thrown away images after he was interviewed on October 17, 2008.

12. CARAGOL also admitted that he had engaged in sexual activity with children under the age of 18 dating back to 2001. However, he stated that he was not presently engaging in sexual activity with any minors.

Based on the information presented in this affidavit, I have concluded that there is probable cause that ROBERTO CARAGOL violated Title 18, United States Code 2252(a)(4)(B) regarding the possession of matter containing child pornography.

Further affiant sayeth naught.

Special Agent

Federal Bureau of Investigation

day of November, 2008.

Honorable Edwin G. Torres

tates Magistrate Judge

December 2,2008

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 08-60339-CR-MARRA/HOPKINS

18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(1) 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(4)(B) 18 U.S.C. § 2253

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

ROBERTO CARAGOL,

Defendant.

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

On or about April 25, 2008, in Broward County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

ROBERTO CARAGOL,

did knowingly transport and ship a visual depiction in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, and the production of such visual depiction having involved the use of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2), and such visual depiction was of such conduct, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(1).

COUNT 2

On or about May 28, 2004, in Broward County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

ROBERTO CARAGOL,

did knowingly possess matter, that is, a computer file, which contained any visual depiction that has been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce, and which was produced using materials which have been so shipped and transported, by any means including by computer, and the production of such visual depiction having involved the use of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2), and such visual depiction was of such conduct, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B).

COUNT 3

On or about August 19, 2004, in Broward County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

ROBERTO CARAGOL,

did knowingly possess matter, that is, a computer file, which contained any visual depiction that has been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce, and which was produced using materials which have been so shipped and transported, by any means including by computer, and the production of such visual depiction having involved the use of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2), and such visual depiction was of such conduct, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B).

COUNT 4

In or around January 2005, in Broward County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

ROBERTO CARAGOL,

did knowingly possess matter, that is, a computer file, which contained any visual depiction that has

been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce, and which was produced using materials which have been so shipped and transported, by any means including by computer, and the production of such visual depiction having involved the use of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2), and such visual depiction was of such conduct, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B).

CRIMINAL FORFEITURE

- 1. The allegations of this Indictment are realleged and by this reference fully incorporated herein for the purpose of alleging forfeitures to the United States of America of certain property in which the defendant has an interest, pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253 and the procedures of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853 as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253(b).
- 2. Upon conviction of the violations alleged in the Indictment, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States: 1) any visual depiction of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and any book, magazine, periodical, film, videotape, or other matter which contains any such visual depiction, which was produced, transported, mailed, shipped or received in such violation; 2) any property, real or personal, constituting or traceable to gross profits or other proceeds which the defendant obtained from such violation; and 3) any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used to commit or to promote the commission of such violation and any property traceable to such property.
- 3. If the property described above as being subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:
 - cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
 - b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with a third person;

- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty,

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p) as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253(b), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253 and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

A TRUE BILL

FOREPERSON

R. AZEXANDER ACOSYA UMTED STATES ATTORNEY

BRENT TANTILLO

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

UNITED STAT	ES OF AMERICA	CASE NO.		
vs.				
ROBERTO CA	RAGOL,	CERTIFICATE OF TRIAL ATTORNEY*		
	Defendant.	Superseding Case Information:		
Court Division: (Select One)		New Defendant(s) Yes No Number of New Defendants		
Miami X_ FTL	Key West FTP	Total number of counts		
l do he	reby certify that:			
1.		allegations of the indictment, the number of defendants, the number of all complexities of the Indictment/Information attached hereto.		
2.	I am aware that the information Court in setting their calendars a Title 28 U.S.C. Section 3161.	n supplied on this statement will be relied upon by the Judges of this and scheduling criminal trials under the mandate of the Speedy Trial Act,		
3.	Interpreter: (Yes or No) List language and/or dialect	_NO		
4.	This case will take 2-4	days for the parties to try.		
5.	Please check appropriate cate	gory and type of offense listed below:		
	(Check only one)	(Check only one)		
t 11	0 to 5 days 6 to 10 days	X Petty Minor		
iii	11 to 20 days	Misdem		
IV V	21 to 60 days 61 days and over	FelonyX		
6. If yes:	•	filed in this District Court? (Yes or No)NO Case No		
Judge: (Attach Has a	copy of dispositive order) complaint been filed in this matte			
If yes:	rate Case No.	08-03499-EGT		
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Rule 20	0 from the	District of		
Is this	a potential death penalty case? (Yes or No)NO_		
7.	Does this case originate from a to October 14, 2003?	matter pending in the Northern Region of the U.S. Attorney's Office prior YesX_ No		
8.	Does this case originate from a to September 1, 2007?	matter pending in the Central Region of the U.S. Attorney's Office prior YesX No		
		BRENT S TANTILLO ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY Court ID #:A5501027		

*Penalty Sheet(s) attached

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

PENALTY SHEET

Defendant's Name: <u>I</u>	ROBERTO CARAGOL	Case No:
Count #: 1		
Transportation of chil	d pornography	
Title 18, United State	s Code, Section 2252(a)(1)	
*Max. Penalty: 20	years' imprisonment	
Counts #: 2-4		
Possession of child p	ornography	
Title 18, United State	es Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B)	
*Max. Penalty: 1	0 years' imprisonment	
Count #:		
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^{*}Refers only to possible term of incarceration, does not include possible fines, restitution, special assessments, parole terms, or forfeitures that may be applicable.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA Case No. 08-60339-CR-KAM

UNITED	STATES	OF	AMERICA
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VS.

ROBERTO CARAGOL,

Defendant.

PLEA AGREEMENT

The United States of America and ROBERTO CARAGOL (hereinafter referred to as the "defendant") enter into the following agreement:

- 1. The defendant agrees to plead guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment and the forfeiture count. Count 1 charges the defendant with distribution of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)
- 2. This agreement, if accepted by the Court, resolves the defendant's federal criminal liability in the Southern District of Florida for offenses related to the computer seized from defendant on or about October 17, 2008: distribution of child pornography.
- 3. The defendant is aware that the sentence will be imposed by the court after considering the Federal Sentencing Guidelines and Policy Statements (hereinafter "Sentencing Guidelines"). The defendant acknowledges and understands that the court will compute an advisory sentence under the Sentencing Guidelines and that the applicable guidelines will be determined by the court relying in part on the results of a Pre-Sentence Investigation by the court's probation office, which investigation will commence after the guilty plea has been

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entered. The defendant is also aware that, under certain circumstances, the court may depart from the advisory sentencing guideline range that it has computed, and may raise or lower that advisory sentence under the Sentencing Guidelines. The defendant is further aware and understands that the court is required to consider the advisory guideline range determined under the Sentencing Guidelines, but is not bound to impose that sentence; the court is permitted to tailor the ultimate sentence in light of other statutory concerns, and such sentence may be either more severe or less severe than the Sentencing Guidelines' advisory sentence. Knowing these facts, the defendant understands and acknowledges that the court has the authority to impose any sentence within and up to the statutory maximum authorized by law for the offenses identified in paragraph 1 and that the defendant may not withdraw the plea solely as a result of the sentence imposed.

- 4. The defendant also understands and acknowledges that the court may impose a statutory maximum term of imprisonment of up to 20 years, followed by a maximum term of supervised release of life, with a minimum term of five years. In addition to a term of imprisonment and supervised release, the court may impose a fine of up to \$250,000.
- 5. The defendant further understands and acknowledges that, in addition to any sentence imposed under paragraph 4 of this agreement, a special assessment in the amount of \$100 will be imposed on the defendant. The defendant agrees that any special assessment imposed shall be paid at the time of sentencing.
- 6. The Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida (hereinafter "Office") reserves the right to inform the court and the probation office of all facts pertinent to the sentencing process, including all relevant information concerning the offenses

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committed, whether charged or not, as well as concerning the defendant and the defendant's background. Subject only to the express terms of any agreed-upon sentencing recommendations contained in this agreement, this Office further reserves the right to make any recommendation as to the quality and quantity of punishment.

The United States agrees that it will recommend at sentencing that the court 7. reduce by two levels the sentencing guideline level applicable to the defendant's offense, pursuant to Section 3E1.1(a) of the Sentencing Guidelines, based upon the defendant's recognition and affirmative and timely acceptance of personal responsibility. If at the time of sentencing the defendant's offense level is determined to be 16 or greater, the government will make a motion requesting an additional one level decrease pursuant to Section 3E1.1(b) of the Sentencing Guidelines, stating that the defendant has assisted authorities in the investigation or prosecution of his own misconduct by timely notifying authorities of his intention to enter a plea of guilty, thereby permitting the government to avoid preparing for trial and permitting the government and the court to allocate their resources efficiently. The United States further agrees to recommend that the defendant be sentenced at the low end of the guideline range, as that range is determined by the court. The United States, however, will not be required to make this motion and this recommendation if the defendant: (1) fails or refuses to make a full, accurate and complete disclosure to the probation office of the circumstances surrounding the relevant offense conduct; (2) is found to have misrepresented facts to the government prior to entering into this plea agreement; or (3) commits any misconduct after entering into this plea agreement, including but not limited to committing a state or federal offense, violating any term of release, or making false statements or misrepresentations to any governmental entity or official.

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- 8. The defendant is aware that the sentence has not yet been determined by the court. The defendant also is aware that any estimate of the probable sentencing range or sentence that the defendant may receive, whether that estimate comes from the defendant's attorney, the government, or the probation office, is a prediction, not a promise, and is not binding on the government, the probation office or the court. The defendant understands further that any recommendation that the government makes to the court as to sentencing, whether pursuant to this agreement or otherwise, is not binding on the court and the court may disregard the recommendation in its entirety. The defendant understands and acknowledges, as previously acknowledged in paragraph 4 above, that the defendant may not withdraw his plea based upon the court's decision not to accept a sentencing recommendation made by the defendant, the government, or a recommendation made jointly by both the defendant and the government.
- 9. The defendant also agrees to forfeit to the United States voluntarily and immediately all of his right, title and interest to the computer seized from him on or about October 17, 2008. Defendant agrees that the above named property contained visual depictions described in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252 and is therefore subject to forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United State Code, Section 2253. The defendant knowingly and voluntarily agrees to waive any claim or defense he may have under the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution, including any claim of excessive fine or penalty with respect to the forfeited asset. The defendant agrees to waive any applicable time limits for the initiation of administrative forfeiture and/or further notification of any judicial or administrative forfeiture proceedings brought against said assets.

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10. The defendant is aware that Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742 affords the

defendant the right to appeal the sentence imposed in this case. Acknowledging this, in

exchange for the undertakings made by the United States in this plea agreement, the defendant

hereby waives all rights conferred by Section 3742 to appeal any sentence imposed, including

any forfeiture or restitution order, or to appeal the manner in which the sentence was imposed,

unless the sentence exceeds the maximum permitted by statute or is the result of an upward

departure and/or a variance from the guideline range that the court establishes at sentencing. The

defendant further understands that nothing in this agreement shall affect the government's right

and/or duty to appeal as set forth in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742(b). However, if

the United States appeals the defendant's sentence pursuant to Section 3742(b), the defendant

shall be released from the above waiver of appellate rights. By signing this agreement, the

defendant acknowledges that he has discussed the appeal waiver set forth in this agreement with

his attorney. The defendant further agrees, together with the United States, to request that the

district court enter a specific finding that the defendant's waiver of his right to appeal the

sentence to be imposed in this case was knowing and voluntary.

11. This is the entire agreement and understanding between the United States and the

defendant. There are no other agreements, promises, representations, or understandings.

Date: $\frac{3}{5}$

R. ALEXANDER ACOSTA UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT

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ROBERTO CARA

DEFENDANT

FACTUAL PROFFER

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If this case had proceeded to trial, the United States would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant, Roberto Caragol is guilty as charged. On August 27, 2008, the Broward Sheriff's Office received a Cybertip from America Online (AOL), after they intercepted an email that had been forwarded to three recipients containing suspected child pornography. The email was sent using AOL screen name CAMPOS123. The images contained within the email message were of young boys, between the ages of 7 to 16 years old in sexually provocative positions exposing their genitals.

AOL confirmed that the subscriber of CAMPOS123 was ROBERTO CARAGOL of 466 S. Fig Tree Lane, Plantation, Florida. AOL advised that the CAMPOS123 account was terminated because the defendant was sending suspected child pornography.

Subsequent investigation concluded that CARAGOL did in fact live at the Fig Tree Lane address in Plantation, through surveillance, and records checks.

On October 17, 2008, Sgt. Weller of the Broward Sheriff's Office, Detective Jennifer Montgomery of the Broward Sheriff's Office, and Special Agent Michael Bentolila of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrived at 466 S Fig Tree Lane in Plantation where they spoke to Osman Lambiro. Lambiro said that Caragol rented a room from him at his home and that he had been living there for approximately six years. Lambiro also stated that Caragol was employed as a swim coach in Fort Lauderdale and was at work. Caragol was subsequently contacted and came to the 466 S Fig Tree Lane address about 20 minutes later. Caragol in a private conversation away from his landlord stated that he did use AOL and that his screen name was in fact CAMPOS123. Furthermore on October 13, 2007, Caragol admitted that did use CAMPOS123 to send and receive images, but not the child pornography images found inside the Cybertip. Caragol consented to let the Broward Sheriff's Office and ICE review a laptop found at his residence for which he used to access AOL.

S/A Bentolila of ICE conducted a forensic examination of Caragol's laptop and found 40-50 images containing child pornography in the thumbs database in the "My Documents" folder on the computer's hard drive. The discovery of the images in that location indicate that these images had been saved in "My Documents" at one point, but were no longer there.

On November 18, 2008, Caragol agreed to meet Detective Jennifer Montgomery at the BSO Substation in Cooper City to further discuss the case and present the forensic findings. An interview was arranged with the defendant and he stated post-*Miranda* that between 2003 and October 2008, he has downloaded, viewed, and possessed approximately 200 images and movies containing pornographic depictions of children between 10 and 18 years old. During this post-*Miranda* interview he also identified one of three images that he transported via the Internet on August 25, 2008, the date in which the email was sent by CARAGOL to the three other recipients, as well as 20 other photographs found on the computer that he remembered receiving, storing, and downloading.

Furthermore, he admitted that he met an underage female at a swimming related event and arranged a meeting in a hotel room in which they engaged in sexual intercourse. The sexual relationship with that female has continued periodically to date, and has been verified by this victim. Additionally, Caragol admitted to sexual encounters with five underage boys with whom he coached at the time of the encounters. Additionally he admitted that he engaged in another sexual encounter with an underage boy.

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