

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070109642
Court File No. 07-CR-24-4800

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

vs.

CLINT EDWIN TIENTER DOB: 02/18/1992

208 N Mozart Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Summons

☒ Amended

The Complainant submits this complaint to the Court and states that there is probable cause to believe Defendant committed the following offense(s):

COUNT I

Charge: Possess Pornographic Work; Minor under 14

Minnesota Statute: 617.247.4(b)(3)

Maximum Sentence: 10 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 12/18/2022 to 12/10/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24021056

Charge Description: On or between December 18, 2022 and December 10, 2024, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Clint Edwin Tienter, did possess a pornographic work or a computer disk or computer or other electronic, magnetic, or optical storage system or a storage system of any other type, containing a pornographic work, knowing or with reason to know its content and character and the violation involved a minor under the age of 14.

COUNT II

Charge: Possess Pornographic Work; Minor under 14

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COUNT III

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COUNT IV

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COUNT V

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COUNT VI

Charge: Possess Pornographic Work; Minor under 14

Minnesota Statute: 617.247.4(b)(3)

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Offense Level: Felony

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COUNT VII

Charge: Possess Pornographic Work; Minor under 14

Minnesota Statute: 617.247.4(b)(3)

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Offense Level: Felony

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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On January 9, 2024, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children ("NCMEC") received a CyberTipline report from Business 1 relating to 18 files uploaded to cloud storage associated with Phone Number 1. Business 1 reported it had viewed the entire contents of the uploaded files. Business 1 is an Electronic Service Provider and a software and cloud computing technology company that provides cloud storage services to customers, including storage for personal files such as photos, videos, documents, messaging, and cellular phone data backup. NCMEC geographically resolved Phone Number 1 via publicly-available online queries and identified CLINT TIENTER as the user of Phone Number 1. In its own report, NCMEC categorized 17 of the uploaded files as images depicting a prepubescent minor engaged in a sex act and one of the files as an image depicting a prepubescent minor engaged in lascivious exhibition.

NCMEC forwarded the CyberTip to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension ("BCA"), and the CyberTip was assigned to Detective William Hulloper of the Mankato Department of Public Safety. Hulloper reviewed the CyberTip information and additional information collected by criminal intelligence analysts. Hulloper reviewed numerous files to verify they qualified as pornographic work involving minors as described in Minnesota Statutes section 617.249. Detective Hulloper provided the following descriptions for three of the 18 files flagged by Business 1 and associated with Phone Number 1:

1. Filename: 8ff356c2cad4d8aa11bfa151430bdd5_e07028f3ca6ce94fa63e524bd670468bd734aaa3e8c5cda874aa14dd05667721

File Description: I reviewed this video which depicted a prepubescent female who appeared to be between the ages of four and six and an adult male. The male and female were naked. The female child performed oral sex on the male. The video was approximately 01:04 minutes in length.

2. Filename: 8ff356c2cad4d8aa11bfa151430bdd5_307426db33b19807281f41cd6bd772281fec514806f20606316f2af43ee4ebb7

File Description: I reviewed this file which was a video that depicted a nude adult male laying on a bed with a prepubescent female. The female was approximately six to nine years old and was only wearing underwear. The male and female were kissing while the female was stroking the male's erect penis. The male groped the female's buttocks. The female then performed oral sex on the male. A camera flash was visible numerous times during the video. The video was approximately 01:50 minutes in length.

3. Filename: 8ff356c2cad4d8aa11bfa151430bdd5_47ed17b5c577e2f87f040880de02970e38620167445a3e8d1c25c223e8567d93

File Description: I reviewed this file which was a video that depicted a nude prepubescent female approximately seven to ten years old and a nude adult male. The female was on her hands and knees and the male, who was visible from the waist down, attempted to penetrate the female from the rear with his penis. The male then masturbated and ejaculated on the female's buttocks. The video was approximately 00:52 seconds in length.

Detective Hulloper learned the user of Phone Number 1 was Clint Edwin Tienter (DOB: 02/18/1992) and Tienter resided at Address 1 in Blue Earth County. Detective Hulloper confirmed Tienter had lived at Address 1 since November 2023.

Hulloper drafted a search warrant application to receive data from Business 1 related to the CyberTip and/or Phone Number 1. The search warrant was approved, and Detective Hulloper subsequently

received electronic data from Business 1 pursuant to the search warrant. He reviewed the data and observed Business 1 provided the CyberTip files in a separate folder.

Hullopeter reviewed more files included in the data provided by Business 1 and located photographs showing Tienter's Minnesota driver's license, social security card, and photographs showing his face. Hullopeter also discovered a screenshot showing a utility provider request. On that screenshot, Hullopeter could see Phone Number 1.

Within the data, Detective William Hullopeter observed 11 files that depicted CSAM and were saved in a folder named 2024-01-06. In a folder named 2024-01-07, Hullopeter observed 19 files that depicted CSAM. These are Hullopeter's descriptions of four of the 30 files:

4. Filename: 1_4922886815980978918 (COUNT 6)

Description: I reviewed this video and observed a nude prepubescent female approximately four to six years old laying on her back. An adult male was rubbing his erect penis on the child's vagina. The male then lied on his back and the child climbed on top of him. The child's vagina was on top of the male's penis. The video was approximately 5:58 minutes in length.

5. Filename: 1_4949929433315148698 (COUNT 7)

Description: I reviewed this video and observed a prepubescent female approximately six to eight years old. The child was holding onto an erect adult male's penis. The child put her mouth on the male's penis and inserted it into her mouth. The male then kissed the child on the lips. The child removed her skirt and underwear. The male rubbed the child's vagina with his fingers. The video was approximately 7:58 minutes in length.

6. Filename: 1_4958967045233312037

Description: I reviewed this video and observed a prepubescent female approximately four to six years old. The child was laying on her back and an adult male was penetrating the child's anus with his penis. The male then rubbed his penis on the child's vagina. The child then knelt on the floor and the male ejaculated on her. The video was approximately 7:05 minutes in length.

7. Filename: 1_5077837515054908061

Description: I reviewed this video and observed a nude prepubescent female approximately eight to ten years old laying on a bed. A nude adult male was on the bed next to the child. The child climbed on top of the male and the male's penis inserted into the child's vagina. The male was wearing a condom. The child then lied on her back and the male placed lubricant onto her vagina. The male then rubbed the child's vagina with his fingers. The male inserted his penis into the child's vagina again. The video was approximately 9:25 minutes in length.

On December 3, 2024, Detective Hullopeter drafted a search warrant application to search Tienter's person, vehicle, electronic devices, and Address 1, Tienter's residence. The application was approved by The Honorable Kristine A. Weeks, Judge of District Court.

At 5:00 p.m. on December 10, 2024, officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety executed the search warrant at Address 1 in Blue Earth County. Upon approaching Address 1, Tienter was observed walking in the yard and advised by officers he was going to be detained. Witness 1 told Detective Hullopeter he and Tienter had lived at Address 1 for more than a year.

Law enforcement located various electronic devices during the search of Address 1 including a cell phone that was associated with Tienter's previously mentioned phone number, phone documents, computers, a tablet, and an external drive. The computers and tablet were collected from Tienter's bedroom.

On December 11, 2024, Hullopeter went to the Blue Earth County Jail and interviewed Tienter. Tienter was read the Miranda warning and agreed to speak with Hullopeter without an attorney present. During the interview, Tienter admitted to paying other users on the Honeycam video chat application to see their juvenile children masturbate. Tienter also admitted to receiving videos with similar content over the Telegram application. Tienter said the last time he viewed such a video was about two weeks ago. Tienter estimated the age of the juvenile in that video was 12 years old. The interview was audio and video recorded.

On December 13, 2024, Special Agent Waterstreet from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension conducted a digital forensic examination of Tienter's Samsung Galaxy cell phone and a tablet device. Advanced logical extractions were collected using Cellebrite UFED version 7.70.0.180. Detective Hullopeter loaded both extractions into Cellebrite Physical Analyzer and converted all of the media files into a JSON file, which was imported into Griffeye Analyze, a law enforcement tool used to sort media efficiently.

When Griffeye Analyze performed an automated process of sorting and categorizing the media, it categorized 114 files as known child sexual abuse materials ("CSAM"). Detective Hullopeter reviewed and categorized the remaining 2,026 uncategorized files and found a total of 484 files Hullopeter believed depicted CSAM.

These are Hullopeter's descriptions of ten of the files containing CSAM:

Filename: 1_5012666355615268925.mp4

MD5: 732ABDFACE456879FF856F57F9B6328E

Created Date: 10/5/2018

Description:

I viewed this video and observed a nude prepubescent female between the ages of five and ten. The child was anally and vaginally penetrated by an apparent adult male's penis. The video was approximately 45 seconds in length.

Filename: VID-20190302-WA0286.mp4

MD5: 98A74FE76CC2EE95DB110C6B6314B0B1

Created date: 3/2/2019

Description:

I observed this video to be a slideshow of still images depicting over 50 apparent prepubescent females and males. Many of the juvenile females appeared to be under one year old and others were between the ages of two and five. Several of the females were being vaginally penetrated by an adult male's penis, while others were digitally penetrated. One juvenile female was nude and laying on her back while her wrists and lefts were bound with rope. She had a ball gag in her mouth and writing on her stomach that

read, "Lick me Please" with an arrow pointing to her vagina. The video was approximately 2 minutes 6 seconds.

Filename: VID-20190805-WA0000.mp4

MD5: 8AA7643527466801AF1051B091572696

Created Date: 8/5/2019

Description:

I viewed this video and observed a nude prepubescent female laying on her back. An apparent male anally penetrated the child with his penis. The video is approximately 1 minute 52 seconds in length.

Filename: VID-20190819-WA0014.mp4

MD5: B02A37452B98DDC70D5C951436196004

Created Date: 8/19/2019

Description:

I observed this video which contained multiple clips from separate videos. I observed a nude prepubescent female between the ages of two and four. The child was sitting on an adult male's lap. The male digitally penetrated the child's vagina and then penetrated the child with his penis. Another clip depicted a nude prepubescent child between the ages of two and four laying on their back. I could not identify the gender of the child. A nude adult male knelt over top of the child and ejaculated on their face. The video was approximately 11 minutes 47 seconds in length and contained additional clips that I did not describe.

Filename: logical_Videos_0170~5_6149699071092197856.mp4

MD5: C038595AFFB43475A0B3082EC263DCF2

Created Date: 5/23/2022

Description:

I viewed this video and observed an adult nude female laying on her back and masturbating. A prepubescent male approximately three to six years old was sitting near the woman's vagina wearing only a T-shirt. The child climbed on top of the female's abdomen and started thrusting. The juvenile male and adult female began kissing on the lips continuously for over 10 seconds. The video was approximately 1 minute 30 seconds in length.

Filename: logical_Videos_0228~2_5258048746452692568.mp4

MD5: 98580F27F574E8EACC58B21AC2D09AAA

Created Date: 12/18/2022 (COUNT 1)

Description:

I viewed this video and observed an adult male standing in front of a juvenile female approximately two to four years old. The male's erect penis was inserted into the child's mouth. The video was approximately 51 seconds in length.

Filename: logical_Videos_0158~5_6149699071092197868.MP4

MD5: 7CFC5F26A12F62CC7A6EBED83A0E0D9E

Created Date: 4/3/2023 (COUNT 2)

Description:

I viewed this video and observed a nude child approximately one year of age or less. The child was laying on their back. Their hands were holding onto an adult male's penis. The child's legs were also wrapped around the penis. The video was 14 seconds in length.

Filename: logical_Videos_0240~4_5863931862979711140.mp4

MD5: 4AB3F6B7DF966CBEF20D2163949085BD

Created Date: 4/4/2023 (COUNT 3)

Description:

I viewed this video and observed a prepubescent female laying on her side wearing only a shirt. An adult male stood in front of her without a shirt on and his pants below his genitals. The male inserted his erect penis into the child's mouth, he touched the child's vagina, and then masturbated until he ejaculated into the child's mouth. The video is approximately 52 seconds in length.

Filename: 5_6068694849723303736.mp4

MD5: D4C234616E04C918D6545122ABAC552C

Created Date: 9/20/2023 (COUNT 4)

Description:

I viewed this video and observed a nude adult female laying on her back on a bed. Two nude prepubescent males were also on the bed between the ages of five and eight. One of the juvenile males appeared to vaginally penetrated the adult female with his penis. The video was approximately 59 seconds in length.

Filename: 1_5089485363282444797.mp4

MD5: 54BB4237E58668F63F9D66994273737F

Created Date: 4/18/2024 (COUNT 5)

Description:

I viewed this video and observed a nude prepubescent female approximately four to six years old on her hands and knees, along with two other adult men. A male knelt in front of the female and inserted his penis

into the female's mouth. The other male penetrated the female from behind with his penis. The video was approximately 12 seconds in length. This is a viral video that I have seen before while conducting other investigations.

Hullopeter searched for each MD5 value listed above in the Cellebrite extraction, and each MD5 value was located on the Cellebrite extraction for the Samsung Galaxy S23 phone.

Hullopeter validated and verified the Cellebrite extraction by checking the hash value calculated by Cellebrite Physical Analyzer and comparing it to hash value calculated in the file explorer for the extraction. Both hash values matched when calculated.

Based on his training and experience, Hullopeter concluded the "Created Date" is likely the date the mobile device downloaded and saved the file.

SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS

Complainant requests that Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release, be:
(1) arrested or that other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court; or
(2) detained, if already in custody, pending further proceedings; and that said Defendant otherwise be dealt with according to law.

Complainant declares under penalty of perjury that everything stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116; Minn. R. Crim. P. 2.01, subds. 1, 2.

Complainant

Craig Frericks
Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3102

Electronically Signed:
10/21/2025 12:11 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

Prosecuting Attorney

Christopher K Lowe
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
10/21/2025 12:03 PM

FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

From the above sworn facts, and any supporting affidavits or supplemental sworn testimony, I, the Issuing Officer, have determined that probable cause exists to support, subject to bail or conditions of release where applicable, Defendant's arrest or other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court, or Defendant's detention, if already in custody, pending further proceedings. Defendant is therefore charged with the above-stated offense(s).

☒ SUMMONS

THEREFORE YOU, THE DEFENDANT, ARE SUMMONED to appear as directed in the Notice of Hearing before the above-named court to answer this complaint.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR in response to this SUMMONS, a WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST shall be issued.

☐ WARRANT

To the Sheriff of the above-named county; or other person authorized to execute this warrant: I order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the Defendant be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the court (if in session), and if not, before a Judge or Judicial Officer of such court without unnecessary delay, and in any event not later than 36 hours after the arrest or as soon as such Judge or Judicial Officer is available to be dealt with according to law.

☐ *Execute in MN Only*

☐ *Execute Nationwide*

☐ *Execute in Border States*

☐ ORDER OF DETENTION

Since the Defendant is already in custody, I order, subject to bail or conditions of release, that the Defendant continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

Bail: \$

Conditions of Release:

This complaint, duly subscribed and sworn to or signed under penalty of perjury, is issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer as of the following date: October 22, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Kristine Weeks
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/22/2025 09:56 AM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

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STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

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LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE

*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this
Summons upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: