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Former Police Officer Indicted for Child Pornography Offenses

NORFOLK, Va. – A federal grand jury returned an indictment yesterday charging a Virginia Beach man with attempted production of child pornography, receipt of child pornography, and access with intent to view child pornography.

According to court documents, Nathan Allen, Jr., 33, who was employed as a police officer by the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg and before that by the Hampton Police Department, allegedly attempted to produce child pornography using a minor on separate dates in 2019 and 2021, when she was then 11 and 12 years old. The indictment alleges that Allen received images of child sexual abuse material on various dates in the spring of 2021, and in May 2021 accessed child pornography on a cell phone.

Allen is charged with two counts of attempted production of child pornography, three counts of receipt of child pornography, and one count of access with intent to view of child pornography. If convicted, he faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 15 years in prison and a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison on the production charges, a mandatory minimum of 5 years in prison and a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison on the receipt charges, and a maximum penalty of 20 years on the access with intent to view charge. Actual sentences for federal crimes are typically less than the maximum penalties. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after taking into account the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Raj Parekh, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Raymond Villanueva, Special Agent in Charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Washington, D.C.; and Paul Neudigate, Chief of Virginia Beach Police, made the announcement.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Rebecca Gantt and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Heck are prosecuting the case.

A copy of this press release is located on the website of the <u>U.S. Attorney's Office</u> for the Eastern District of Virginia. Related court documents and information are located on the website of the <u>District Court</u> for the Eastern District of Virginia or on <u>PACER</u> by searching for Case No. 2:21-cr-107.

An indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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