

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
[UNDER SEAL]

Your Affiant, Molly Rock, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a Special Agent with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), currently assigned to the Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Office in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I have held my current position since August 2010. Prior to my selection as an HSI Special Agent, I was a United States Customs and Border Protection Officer for three years. As part of my duties, I investigate criminal violations relating to child exploitation, child pornography, and transportation of minors, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252 and 2423, among others. I have received training in the investigation of child pornography, child exploitation, and transportation of minors, and have had the opportunity to observe and review examples of child pornography (as defined in 18 U.S.C §2256(8)) and visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2256(2)). I attended the 2012 National Law Enforcement Training Event on Child Exploitation in Atlanta, Georgia, where I completed several courses on the investigation of child exploitation crimes. I have also successfully completed the FBI Innocent Images Online Basic Training Program. For the past three years, I have participated on the Western Pennsylvania Crimes Against Children Task Force with other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. I have also participated in the execution of numerous search warrants, many of which involved child exploitation and/or child pornography offenses. As a Federal Agent, I am authorized to investigate violations of laws of the United States and to execute warrants issued under the authority of the United States.

2. This Affidavit is made in support of a criminal complaint charging JOSEPH D. MAURIZIO, JR., hereinafter referred to as "MAURIZIO JR," with violating 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252(a)(4) which makes it a crime for any person to possess images of child pornography, and, 18 U.S.C. § 2423(c) which prohibits a United States citizen or permanent resident from traveling in foreign commerce and engaging in illicit sexual conduct with another person.
3. I am familiar with the information contained in this Affidavit based upon the investigation I have personally conducted, my conversations with other law enforcement officers involved in this investigation, and conversations with additional law enforcement who have engaged in numerous investigations involving child pornography and child sex tourism.
4. Because this Affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing a criminal complaint, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation, I have set forth only those facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause that evidence of violations of 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(4) on or about September 12, 2014, and 18 U.S.C. § 2423(c) on or about and between February 26, 2009 and March 13, 2009 have been committed by Maurizio. Where statements of others are set forth in this Affidavit, they are set forth in substance and in part.
5. On or about February 07, 2014, HSI Pittsburgh received information regarding the alleged sexual abuse of children in Honduras by MAURIZIO, JR., a Roman Catholic Priest of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Pennsylvania. In December 2013, a board member of a non-profit organization that provides various services (shelter, food, education, etc.) to street children living in El Progreso, Honduras, reported allegations of

child sexual abuse perpetrated by MAURIZIO, JR. to a website which tracks and monitors allegations of sexual abuse lodged against Roman Catholic Priests.¹ The board member reported the allegations of abuse to the website after growing dissatisfied with what he believed to be an apparent lack of progress in the four-year criminal investigation of MAURIZIO, JR. HSI Pittsburgh initiated a criminal investigation of MAURIZIO, JR. in February 2014.

6. The information received from the board member and the above-mentioned website indicated that allegations of child sexual abuse involving MAURIZIO, JR. were first reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, and to church officials of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown in November 2009 by the above-mentioned non-profit organization. After receiving this initial information, your affiant contacted the Laurel Highlands Office of the FBI to discuss the MAURIZIO, JR investigation. On or about February 12, 2014, your affiant received and reviewed copies of FBI investigative reports, which detailed several instances of MAURIZIO, JR's sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of various minors who were either living at centers run by the non-profit organization described above or who were receiving various services provided by the organization.² Every year between 1999 and 2009, MAURIZIO, JR. traveled from Pennsylvania to Honduras, often with volunteers, to assist the non-profit organization with construction and maintenance work on buildings and facilities located at the centers. These trips to Honduras lasted approximately 2-3 weeks each.

¹ The name of the board member and the non-profit organization are known to law enforcement.

² The information contained in paragraphs 6 through 9 of this affidavit were contained in the FBI reports reviewed by your Affiant. Additionally, your Affiant discussed the FBI's ongoing investigation into Maurizio's foreign travel to Honduras, Panama and El Salvador with FBI Agents during the course of this ongoing investigation.

7. According to the reports obtained from the FBI, the allegations of sexual abuse of minors perpetrated by MAURIZIO, JR. first came to light in 2009, after a staff member at the center overheard an argument between children living there. The argument related to whether or not the boys should report to staff members the fact that MAURIZIO, JR., who they referred to as "Father Joe," had solicited the boys to engage in sexual activity. After hearing this argument, the staff member contacted the Chairwoman of the non-profit organization to inform her of the allegations.
8. In response to this information, the non-profit organization began an internal investigation, which included interviews of various children residing at, and associated with, the non-profit's residential center. During these interviews, the children disclosed that on several occasions MAURIZIO, JR. offered boys items of value, such as money and candy, in exchange for various sexual acts. Detailed below are some of the instances described by the children during interviews conducted by staff members:
 - a) MAURIZIO, JR. asked males, including minor boys, to masturbate themselves while MAURIZIO, JR. watched;
 - b) MAURIZIO, JR. photographed some victims while they were naked and photographed them while they were urinating and photographed them while they were masturbating at MAURIZIO JR.'s direction;
 - c) MAURIZIO, JR. took pictures of naked children at one of the center locations;
 - d) MAURIZIO, JR. took nude pictures of the victims during shower time and propositioned them with money for additional pictures or for their silence as to his picture-taking;
 - e) MAURIZIO, JR. asked a minor boy how much he would charge for MAURIZIO, JR.

- to masturbate him. The minor boy refused; however, MAURIZIO, JR. paid him 400 lempiras (about \$20 US Dollars) to remain silent about incident;
- f) MAURIZIO, JR. placed the hand of a minor boy on MAURIZIO, JR.'s genitals or asked a minor boy to touch his genitals;
 - g) MAURIZIO JR. touched a minor boy's penis and gave the boy money immediately following the sexual contact;
 - h) MAURIZIO, JR. performed oral sex on a 14-year-old boy inside a chapel located at the center.
9. Following these interviews in mid-November of 2009, the Chairwoman and members of the non-profit organization's board traveled to Pennsylvania to confront MAURIZIO, JR. about the allegations. MAURIZIO, JR. denied sexually abusing the boys, claiming that these allegations were the result of a plot by the Honduran government to keep him out of the childcare centers for political reasons. MAURIZIO, JR. also mentioned that the non-profit's internal investigation would result in the withdrawal of his financial and volunteer support for the organization. Furthermore, MAURIZIO, JR. attempted to dissuade the Chairwoman from reporting the non-profit's internal investigation to the Bishop of the Altoona-Johnstown Catholic Diocese.
10. From February 2014 through the present, your Affiant conducted HSI's investigation into MAURIZIO, JR.'s alleged child sexual abuse.
11. During this investigation, your Affiant learned that MAURIZIO, JR. maintains a web site for his non-profit organization, Humanitarian Interfaith Ministries (HIM), at www.himministries.org. This web site contains thousands of photos of MAURIZIO, JR., in various Central American countries, performing missionary work and clergy duties.

Featured on this website are numerous children encountered during these trips. Many of the photo albums on the website are labeled by the country and location of the facility or area where they were taken. Through review of this website and through foreign travel records, your Affiant noted that it does not appear that MAURIZIO, JR. has traveled to Honduras since March 2009. In fact, after MAURIZIO, JR. was confronted by the board members of the non-profit organization in November of 2009, it appears that MAURIZIO, JR. did not engage in any foreign travel until July 2011. From July 2011 through the present, foreign travel records indicate that MAURIZIO, JR. has made approximately ten (10) separate trips to various Central American countries, including Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Panama, Mexico, and Haiti. Based upon your Affiant's training and experience, and upon conversations with other law enforcement officers, your Affiant is aware that the aforementioned Central American countries are often sought out and chosen by those who wish to travel abroad to engage in illicit sexual conduct with minors. The countries have large populations of individuals, particularly children, who live in impoverished conditions. These individuals frequently must rely on various forms of humanitarian aid, often supplied by U.S.-based organizations. This combination of extreme poverty among children and the relative wealth of U.S. citizens make the child population vulnerable to sexual exploitation.

12. In February 2014, your Affiant viewed a notice on MAURIZIO, JR.'s HIM Ministries website advertising an upcoming missionary trip to the Dominican Republic scheduled for March 10-19, 2014. Through an open source check of the website domain name "www.himministries.org," your Affiant learned that MAURIZIO, JR. is listed as the

registrant and administrator of the HIM Ministries website. As registrant and administrator, MAURIZIO, JR. is the individual responsible for possibly designing and maintaining this website. As a result of this information regarding MAURIZIO, Jr., your Affiant subsequently coordinated an inbound border inspection of MAURIZIO, JR.'s electronic devices upon his return from the Dominican Republic on March 19, 2014 at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Upon arrival in Florida, MAURIZIO, JR. possessed a digital camera, containing a memory card, and a cellular telephone. The inbound border inspection should have included a review of a digital camera, including the memory card, as well as a review of the cell phone. However, during this inbound inspection, the camera's memory card was not reviewed. However, during the review of the camera's internal memory, several images depicted MAURIZIO, JR. with one or more minors. Many of these images appeared to be taken at various churches, orphanages, and/or child centers in Central America, and appeared to be similar in nature to images that appear on the HIM Ministries website from prior trips. None of the media items were seized by customs.

13. On July 28, 2014, your affiant traveled to Honduras for the purpose of conducting interviews of victims, witnesses, and various individuals associated with the investigation of MAURIZIO JR. From July 30 through August 6, 2014, your Affiant conducted or observed interviews of current and former staff members of the non-profit organization, as well individuals who formerly resided at the center run by the non-profit organization. Detailed below are some of the relevant disclosures provided by these witnesses during interviews conducted by HSI:

a. John Doe 1 described an incident that occurred between 2001 and 2002, when he

was 12-13 years old.³ John Doe 1 and another child were nude and taking a bath together at the center. John Doe 1 stated that MAURIZIO, JR. approached the minor boys and gestured with his camera, indicating that he wanted to take a picture of them while they were fully nude. John Doe 1 stated that both he and the other boy jumped out of the bathtub and covered up their genitals and pubic areas with their hands, telling “Father” not to take the pictures. John Doe 1 stated that he did not know if MAURIZIO, JR. was able to take any photos before the boys covered up their genitals and jumped out of the bathtub. John Doe 1 also described an incident which occurred in 2008, when he was approximately 21 years old. MAURIZIO, JR. asked John Doe 1 to go to one of the buildings located at the center run by the non-profit with him, which John Doe 1 agreed to do. When they arrived at the building, MAURIZIO, JR. handed John Doe 1 a calculator and gestured to John Doe 1 to type in how much money John Doe 1 wanted for John Doe 1 to masturbate himself in front of MAURIZIO, JR., while MAURIZIO, JR. took pictures of John Doe 1 engaging in masturbation. John Doe 1 refused to perform MAURIZIO, JR.’s request.

- b. John Doe 2 described a series of incidents that occurred in 2009 when he was only 14 years old. On one such occasion, John Doe 2 stated that he was inside a chapel at the center with MAURIZIO, JR. MAURIZIO, JR. pulled down John Doe 2’s pants, and began to touch the minor boy’s penis with his hand. MAURIZIO, JR. then directed John Doe 2 to anally penetrate MAURIZIO JR., which the minor boy did. John Doe 2 stated that MAURIZIO, JR. tried to give

³ The true names and identities of the victims interviewed by HSI in July and August of 2014 are known to law enforcement. They are being referred to as John Does to protect their dignity and privacy pursuant to 18 U.S.C.

him money and a large bag of chocolates immediately following this sexual activity. John Doe 2 stated that he took the chocolates, but refused to take the money. John Doe 2 further stated that MAURIZIO, JR. performed oral sexual intercourse on him during MAURIZIO, JR.'s same visit to Honduras in 2009. Following this sexual activity, MAURIZIO, JR. gave chocolates to John Doe 2. Furthermore, John Doe 2 disclosed an incident during MAURIZIO JR.'s 2009 visit where MAURIZIO, JR. called John Doe 2 up to a house located above the chapel at the center. John Doe 2 stated that MAURIZIO, JR. was viewing a pornographic video depicting adult males on a computer. MAURIZIO, JR. showed John Doe 2 the video while MAURIZIO, JR. was touching himself. John Doe 2 stated that he told MAURIZIO, JR. that he was going to tell the director of the center what had occurred and then he left the house.


- c. John Doe 3 described a series of incidents that occurred during MAURIZIO, JR.'s trip to Honduras in 2009. During one incident, John Doe 3 was seated in the back seat of a pickup truck while MAURIZIO JR. was seated in the driver's seat and a minor boy was seated in the front passenger seat. John Doe 3 observed MAURIZIO, JR. reach over, place his hand inside the minor boy's pants, and touch the minor boy's genital area as they drove from one location to another. John Doe 3 further stated that he observed MAURIZIO, JR. give the minor boy a sum of money immediately following this incident. John Doe 3 also informed HSI that he observed John Doe 2 and MAURIZIO, JR. engaging in anal sexual intercourse inside the chapel located at the center.
- d. In addition to the information obtained from the aforementioned interviews,

several witnesses identified in the internal investigation stated that they observed MAURIZIO, JR. engaging in anal sexual intercourse with another male associated with the center. However, these witnesses were unable to provide information regarding the individual's age at the time of these incidents.

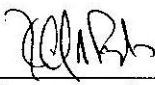
- e. Your Affiant interviewed current and former staff members who worked at the center during MAURIZIO, JR.'s trips to Honduras in 2009. These staff members recall MAURIZIO, JR. frequently carrying a digital camera on his person and taking photos of the children. Furthermore, they stated that MAURIZIO, JR. frequently gave candy and/or money to children at the centers.
14. Your Affiant has reviewed agency foreign travel records regarding MAURIZIO, JR.'s foreign travel in 2009. According to these records, MAURIZIO, JR. traveled from George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) in Houston, Texas on February 26, 2009, and arrived in Honduras on the same date at Ramon Villeda Morales International Airport (SAP) in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. MAURIZIO, JR. left Honduras on March 13, 2009 from Ramon Villeda Morales International Airport (SAP) in San Pedro Sula, Honduras and arrived on the same date in the United States at George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) in Houston, Texas. Additionally, your affiant talked with witnesses who confirm that MAURIZIO, JR. was present at the center for the non-profit organization during these dates in March 2009.
 15. On September 12, 2014, search warrants were executed at 738 Sunshine Avenue, Central City, PA (rectory at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church) and 809 Sugar Maple Drive, Windber, PA (farm owned by MAURIZIO, JR.). Seized from the rectory were dozens of pieces of evidence, including, but not limited to, four computers, a laptop, hundreds of

CDs, a loose hard drive, a camera, floppy disks, thumb drives, VHS tapes, and media cards.

16. The forensic analysis of these seized items is ongoing, however, found on the loose hard drive seized from the rectory were images of child pornography. Specifically, images of a naked, pre-pubescent child posed on a bed with his genitalia exposed were found.
17. Based upon the information delineated above, I believe that probable cause exists for the issuance of a Criminal Complaint charging Joseph D. Maurizio, Jr. with violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252(a)(4) and 18 U.S.C. § 2423(c).


MOLLY ROCK
Special Agent, HSI

Subscribed and sworn before me this 25th of September, 2014, and I find probable cause.


KEITH A. PESTO
United States Magistrate Judge