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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

By DAVID CREWS CLERK Deputy

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

CRIMINAL NO. 1:23-cr- 94
18 U.S.C. § 2251(a) and (e)
18 U.S.C. § 2422(b)
18 U.S.C. § 875(d)

ADEBOLA FESTUS ADEKUNLE

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

Introduction

1. Minor Victim (M.V.) was a 16 year-old sophomore at Starkville Academy in Starkville, Mississippi.
2. Instagram is a free photograph and video sharing application that can be downloaded onto a mobile device. Instagram can also be used as a messaging service.
3. On November 28, 2022, M.V. was contacted on his Instagram account by user janet_dashay, who claimed to be a 19 year-old female from Greensboro, North Carolina.
4. M.V. identified himself as a 16 year-old from Starkville, Mississippi to janet_dashay.
5. The user of the janet_dashay Instagram account was identified as ADEBOLA FESTUS ADEKUNLE, a resident of Nigeria.
6. On or about December 1, 2022, using the messaging feature of

Instagram account janet_dashay, ADEKUNLE asked M.V. to produce images for a “nude exchange.”

7. M.V. produced and sent sexually explicit material to ADEKUNLE through the internet using an online application. ADEKUNLE then used that material to blackmail M.V. M.V. did not have enough money to pay the blackmail. ADEKUNLE threatened to “ruin your life and your whole career and everything you’ve worked for” if M.V. did not pay the blackmail amount. ADEKUNLE sent M.V. screenshots containing the sexually explicit material of M.V. that appeared to be sent to several of M.V.’s friends and family members. ADEKUNLE continued to threaten and demand payment to delete the child sexual abuse material that ADEKUNLE had M.V. produce.

8. M.V. informed janet_dashay that he was going to kill himself. ADEKUNLE responded, “okay.”

9. M.V. was found the next morning with a fatal self-inflicted gunshot wound.

COUNT ONE
Sexual Exploitation of a Minor Resulting in Death

10. The Grand Jury re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-9 of this Indictment.

11. Between on or about November 28, 2022 until on or about December 1, 2022, in the Northern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, ADEBOLA FESTUS ADEKUNLE, defendant, did employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a minor child, to wit: M.V., to engage in any sexually explicit conduct for the purpose

of producing any visual depiction of such conduct, and the visual depiction was transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce. In the course of this offense, ADEBOLA FESTUS ADEKUNLE, defendant, engaged in conduct that resulted in death.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a) and (e).

COUNT TWO
Coercion and Enticement of a Minor

12. The Grand Jury re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-9 of this Indictment.

13. From on or about November 28, 2022 through December 1, 2022, in the Northern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, ADEBOLA FESTUS ADEKUNLE, defendant, did knowingly use a facility or means of interstate and foreign commerce, to persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a minor, M.V., who had not attained 18 years of age, to engage in any sexual activity for which any person could be charged with a criminal offense, to wit: the production of child pornography.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b).

COUNT THREE
Sextortion of a Minor

14. The Grand Jury re-alleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-9 of this Indictment.

15. From on or about November 28, 2022 through December 1, 2022, in the Northern District of Mississippi and elsewhere, the defendant, ADEBOLA FESTUS ADEKUNLE, with the intent to extort things of value, did knowingly transmit in

interstate and foreign commerce via the internet, communications containing threats to injure the reputation M.V., that is, defendant threatened M.V. that he would distribute sexually explicit images and videos of M.V. to individuals who knew M.V. if M.V. refused to pay the defendant.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(d).

A TRUE BILL


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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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PENALTIES

COUNT ONE

Death, or not less than 30 years or life imprisonment	18 U.S.C. § 2251(e)
Not more than a \$250,000 fine, or both	18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(3)
Not more than life supervised release	18 U.S.C. § 3583(k)
Mandatory \$100 special assessment	18 U.S.C. § 3013
Additional \$5,000 assessment	18 U.S.C. § 3014
Restitution as appropriate	18 U.S.C. § 2259
\$50,000 assessment	18 U.S.C. § 2259A(a)(3)

COUNT TWO

Not less than 10 years, not more than life imprisonment	18 U.S.C. § 2422(b)
Not more than \$250,000 fine, or both	18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(3)
Not more than life supervised release	18 U.S.C. § 3583(k)
Mandatory \$100 special assessment	18 U.S.C. § 3013
Additional \$5,000 assessment	18 U.S.C. § 3014

COUNT THREE

Not more than 2 years imprisonment	18 U.S.C. § 875(d)
Not more than a \$250,000.00 fine, or both	18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(3)
Not more than 1 year supervised release	18 U.S.C. § 3583(b)
Mandatory \$100 special assessment	18 U.S.C. § 3013(a).

CRIMINAL CASE COVER SHEET**U.S. DISTRICT COURT****Complete entire form****Place of Offense:**City ArtesiaCounty Lowndes**RECEIVED****JUL 18 2023**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI**Defendant Information:**Juvenile: ☐ Yes ☒ NoIf yes, Matter to be sealed: ☐ Yes ☐ NoDefendant Name Adebola Festus Adekunle

Alias Name _____

Address NigeriaDOB 2000 SS# BVN: 8585 Sex M Race _____ Nationality African

Represented by: _____

Interpreter: ☐ Yes ☐ No

List Language and/or dialect: _____

Location Status:

Arrest Date _____

☐ Already in Federal Custody as of _____ (Date) in _____ (Location)☐ Already in State Custody☐ On Pretrial Release**U.S.C. Citations**Total # of Counts 3 ☐ Petty ☐ Misdemeanor ☒ Felony**Title & Section****Description of Offense Charged****Count(s)**Set 1 18:2251.FSexual exploitation of a minor resulting in death1Set 2 18:2422.FCoercion and enticement of a minor2Set 3 18:875D.FSextortion of a minor3

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