

The J Group's EDLA SENTENCING NEWSLETTER



WEEK OF
AUG 23 TO AUG 29

SEPTEMBER 2, 2026 ISSUE

Extortion of Minors and more...

.... see what happened this past week in the Eastern District of Louisiana

CASE SPOTLIGHT

United States v. Diggs 23-cr-007

What's the Basis?: According to the factual basis, **Diggs** used social media and a multimedia messaging application to obtain sexually explicit images from minors located across the country. **Diggs** posed as a minor, initiated sexually charged communications, provided instructions concerning the images he wanted, and threatened victims with reputational harm when they resisted or attempted to stop. The six identified victims ranged from seven to fifteen years old, and Diggs admitted using similar tactics to obtain images from additional unidentified minors.

The investigation began after **Diggs** sent a sexually explicit image of a seven-year-old victim to one of the child's relatives. An examination of **Diggs's** cellphone revealed additional victims and evidence that he had purchased, traded, and distributed child sexual abuse material, including images obtained through the extortion scheme.

What's the Violation?: **Diggs** pled guilty to **Sexual Exploitation of Children**, in violation of **18 U.S.C. § 2251(a), (e)**.

What's the Punishment?: The Honorable Judge Barry W. Ashe sentenced **Diggs** to **360 months of imprisonment and 15 years of supervised release**.

This Week's Other Matters

U.S. V. ALLEN, 25-CR-284

Charge: False Statement to a Federal Agency; (18 U.S.C. § 1001)
Sentence: **24 months of imprisonment, 3 years of supervised release, and \$712,212.84 in restitution.**
Judge: Honorable Jay C. Zainey

U.S. V. BROWN, 26-CR-091

Charge: False Statement to a Federal Agency
(18 U.S.C. § 1001)
Sentence: **5 years of probation and \$123,771.79 in restitution.**
Judge: Honorable Anna St. John

U.S. V. LARIO SALMERON, 26-CR-101

Charge: Reentry of Removed Alien; (8 U.S.C. § 1326(a))
Sentence: **TIME SERVED.**
Judge: Honorable Darrel J. Papillion

WHAT'S THAT STATUTE?

CLICK ON THE LINKS BELOW FOR MORE
DETAILS ON THE VIOLATIONS INCLUDED IN
THIS WEEKS' EDITION

- [8 U.S.C. § 1326](#)
- [18 U.S.C. § 1001](#)
- [18 U.S.C. § 2251](#)
- [21 U.S.C. § 841](#)
- [21 U.S.C. § 843](#)
- [21 U.S.C. § 846](#)

U.S. V. HINES, 24-CR-225

Charge: Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances; Use of a Communication Facility; Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl; (21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 843(b), 841(b)(1)(B))
Sentence: **60 months of imprisonment and 4 years of supervised release.**
Judge: Honorable Barry W. Ashe



Click [here](#), or visit
www.attorneyjameswashington.com
to subscribe to this newsletter.

650 Poydras Street, Suite 2435
New Orleans, LA 70130
504-285-3872