

# The J Group's EDLA SENTENCING NEWSLETTER



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## Possession of Exploitation of Minor Material and more...

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

### CASE SPOTLIGHT

#### United States v. Kapoor 25-cr-029

**What's the Basis?:** According to the factual basis, **Kapoor**, an Indian national who entered the United States on a J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa, **traveled from India to New Orleans in February 2024 carrying a Redmi cellular telephone**. After receiving information that a Google account associated with **Kapoor** had downloaded contained child sexual abuse material ("CSAM"), Homeland Security Investigations obtained a federal search warrant for the account. **The investigation uncovered numerous images and videos depicting the sexual abuse of children in an account linked to Kapoor.**

**Kapoor later admitted to receiving and viewing child sexual abuse material on the device.** A forensic examination established that **the files had been stored on the phone before Kapoor entered the United States, supporting the transportation charge based on moving the material in foreign commerce.** Kapoor also admitted possessing more than 600 images, including material depicting sadistic or masochistic conduct and the abuse of infants and toddlers.

**What's the Violation?:** Kapoor pled guilty to *Possession of Materials Involving the Sexual Exploitation of Minors, and Transportation of Materials Involving the Sexual Exploitation of Minors*, in violation of **18 U.S.C. §§ 2252(a)(4)(B), (b)(2) and 2252(a)(1), (b)(1).**

**What's the Punishment?:** The Honorable Greg G. Guidry sentenced **Kapoor** to **121 months of imprisonment and 5 years of supervised release.**

### This Week's Other Matters

#### U.S. V. DUNN, 24-CR-144

**Charge:** Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute a Quantity of a Mixture and Substance Containing Marijuana; Possession with the Intent to Distribute a Quantity of a Mixture Containing Marijuana; Possession of a Machinegun

(18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 922(o), and 924(a)(2); 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(D), 846)

**Sentence:** **138 months of imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release.**

**Judge:** Honorable Greg G. Guidry

### WHAT'S THAT STATUTE?

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DETAILS ON THE VIOLATIONS INCLUDED IN  
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- [18 U.S.C. § 2](#)
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- [18 U.S.C. § 2252](#)
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**U.S. V. BELL, 25-CR-070**

**Charge:** Conspiracy to Distribute and Posses a Heroin, Cocaine, and Fentanyl; Distribution of a Substance Containing Heroin and Fentanyl; Distribution of a Quantity of a Substance Containing a Detectable Amount of Cocaine, Fentanyl, and Heroin; Felon in Possession of a Firearm  
(18 U.S.C. §§ 2, 922(g)(1); 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C), and 846)

**Sentence:** 78 months of imprisonment and 3 years of supervised release.

**Judge:** Honorable Greg G. Guidry

**U.S. V. CHEN, 25-CR-137**

**Charge:** Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Marijuana  
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B) and 846)

**Sentence:** 24 months of imprisonment and 4 years of supervised release.

**Judge:** Honorable Greg G. Guidry

**U.S. V. WILLIAMS, 26-CR-013**

**Violation of Mandatory Conditions of Supervised Release:** *Violating a Temporary Protective Order which restricted him from contacting the mother of his child.*

**Sentence:** 6 months of imprisonment and 28 months of supervised release.

**Judge:** Honorable Darrel J. Papillion

**U.S. V. PARKER, 20-CR-119**

**Violation of Standard Conditions of Supervised Release:** *Failure to make consistent monthly restitution payments; Failure to maintain full-time employment; Failure to make restitution payments.*

**Sentence:** 5 months of imprisonment and 24 months of supervised release.

**Judge:** Honorable Lance M. Africk

## Did You Know?

In today's digital world, **crossing an international border with data stored on a phone or computer can satisfy the "foreign commerce" element of numerous federal criminal statutes.**

Unlike traditional contraband, **digital evidence travels with the device, allowing prosecutors to rely on forensic examinations, metadata, cloud account records, and travel history to prove that files were transported into or across the United States.**

**As electronic devices continue to store years of information, digital forensics has become one of the government's most powerful investigative tools in federal criminal prosecutions.** Today's case spotlight provides a recent example of how those principles are applied in the EDLA.

