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NO. 4-16-0015

IN THE APPELLATE COURT

OF ILLINOIS

FOURTH DISTRICT

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)	Appeal from the
Plaintiff-Appellee,)	Circuit Court of
v.)	Macon County
GERALD W. LONG,)	No. 13CF236
Defendant-Appellant.)	
)	Honorable
)	Thomas E. Little,
)	Judge Presiding.

PRESIDING JUSTICE HARRIS delivered the judgment of the court.
Justices Knecht and Cavanagh concurred in the judgment.

ORDER

- ¶ 1 **Held:** The trial court did not err in denying defendant's motion to suppress evidence. The photographs at issue were "lewd" and constituted child pornography. The court did not err in instructing the jury as to the offense of child pornography.
- ¶ 2 A jury found defendant, Gerald W. Long, guilty of two counts of child pornography (720 ILCS 5/11-20.1 (a)(1) (West 2012)). Prior to trial, defendant filed a motion to suppress evidence, arguing a cell phone containing child pornography was seized during an improper investigatory stop. The trial court denied defendant's motion. Defendant was sentenced to two consecutive terms of 25 years in prison. Defendant appeals, arguing that (1) the court erred in denying his motion to suppress evidence; (2) exhibits 13 and 14 did not constitute child pornography; and (3) the jury was not instructed on the proper factors to consider in determining whether exhibits 13 and 14 were "lewd" and thus defendant was denied his right to a fair trial.

Appendix A

We affirm.

¶ 3

I. BACKGROUND

¶ 4

In February 2013, the State charged defendant with multiple counts of child pornography (720 ILCS 5/11-20.1 (a)(1), (a)(6) (West 2012)) (counts I-IV). The State amended the charges, alleging that defendant committed the offense of child pornography by knowingly photographing the breast of a minor child, L.H. (born May 24, 2002) (720 ILCS 5/11-20.1 (a)(1) (West 2012)) (counts I and V).

¶ 5

In March 2015, the trial court conducted a hearing on defendant's motion to suppress evidence. Defendant first presented the testimony of Detective Doug Allen. Allen testified that, on February 19, 2013, officers executed a search warrant issued earlier that same day for a residence located at 266 Lisa Drive in Decatur, Illinois. The search warrant authorized officers to seize "computer media" pertaining to "child pornography" from 266 Lisa Drive. The search warrant did not make any reference to defendant.

¶ 6

Detective Ronald Borowczyk testified that he specialized in investigating cyber crime. In July 2012, he discovered that child pornography was being uploaded to an IP address that was later associated with the residence at 266 Lisa Drive. Detective Borowczyk acknowledged he was unable to identify the individual who was uploading the child pornography. However, he was able to identify multiple dates when child pornography was in fact downloaded from electronic devices at 266 Lisa Drive.

¶ 7

Detective Borowczyk testified he prepared the application for the search warrant in this case. When the search warrant was executed in February 2013, officers seized a desktop computer, six laptops, eight hard drives, and several computers that were in the process of being

built. Detective Borowczyk stated he "found items on one of the laptop computers that [was] know[n] [to] be used by the defendant[,] *** [which] indicated that images [of] *** child pornography were on the laptop[.] *** The EXIF data [on the laptop] led us back to the LG cell phone." Detective Borowczyk explained that EXIF data "refer[s] to what we would call a source device or the device used to create the image." He further testified "[t]he EXIF data *** showed that the images were created using [an] LG device." When the forensic examination of the computers revealed that the images were created by a LG cellular device, Detective Borowczyk proceeded to examine the SD card located within a LG cell phone that had been inventoried following the execution of the search warrant. He stated he could not search the LG cell phone because it was locked, but he was able to remove its SD card. He stated his belief that the SD card was covered by the search warrant because it qualified as "magnetic storage media," which was a term used in the warrant. He testified the SD card contained what he believed to be images of child pornography created by defendant.

¶ 8 Defendant testified on his own behalf at the suppression hearing. He stated he was not at 266 Lisa Drive when the officers initially began searching the residence. Defendant testified he was stopped by Lieutenant Samuel Walker while waiting to turn left at Greenswitch Road "right before the train tracks meeting at *** Route 48." He stated Lieutenant Walker verified his identity and radioed back to the officers at 266 Lisa Drive. Lieutenant Walker then told him to return to 266 Lisa Drive. At that point, according to defendant, Lieutenant Walker noticed a cell phone in the vehicle. Defendant stated Lieutenant Walker asked him to "hand over the phone." Lieutenant Walker assured defendant that he would return the phone once defendant returned to the residence. Defendant testified that, during the traffic stop, his mother called the

cell phone. He further testified that, when Lieutenant Walker asked him for the phone, he "figured why not" and he gave it to Lieutenant Walker. Defendant stated the phone did not belong to him and, as far as he knew, "nothing bad [was] on there."

¶ 9 The State presented the testimony of Lieutenant Walker. Lieutenant Walker testified that, on February 19, 2013, he was driving to 266 Lisa Drive to search the residence when he observed defendant in his vehicle. He described the traffic stop of defendant as follows:

"As I was approaching[,] information was broadcasted regarding the target of the search warrant, [defendant], leaving the trailer park. *** At that point I turned around[,] and as the vehicle passed[,] I observed the vehicle that was described over the radio[,] [and] the subject *** driving the vehicle *** match[ed] a photo during an earlier briefing [about] the search warrant[.] *** [T]hen I conducted an investigative stop o[f] the vehicle.

* * *

As I approached the vehicle[,] my original purpose was to inform [defendant] that ~~members of the Decatur Police Department were going to be conducting a search~~ *** at his residence. As I approached [defendant] to inform him of this, I also was attempting to determine if there [were] any weapons or anything of that nature in the vehicle, just through observation[,] because we had information that [defendant] may have weapons in his residence."

¶ 10 Lieutenant Walker further testified that, in addition to his concerns regarding defendant's possible possession of weapons, he also "wanted to ensure [defendant] was not removing any evidence [identified in] the search warrant." He testified he offered defendant an

opportunity to return to his residence, and defendant indicated he would because he had his sister's laptop and he wanted to return it to her.

¶ 11 Lieutenant Walker further testified that, during the encounter, defendant attempted to make phone calls from a cell phone. According to Lieutenant Walker, defendant said it belonged to his mother and he was "en route to take the phone for some service [because] he was having some issues with the phone." Lieutenant Walker asked if defendant would voluntarily turn the cell phone over to him, and defendant voiced no objection. Lieutenant Walker denied telling defendant the phone would be returned.

¶ 12 The trial court denied defendant's motion to suppress the evidence found on defendant's cell phone. The court stated, in pertinent part, as follows:

"Apparently the [d]efendant was a target of the investigation even though he was not specifically named in the warrant. [Lieutenant] Walker [was] assisting in the execution of the search warrant. *** [Lieutenant] Walker *** testified that he temporarily stopped or detained the [d]efendant as he was leaving the residence. And this [c]ourt believes that [Lieutenant] Walker had a right to do so in conjunction with the execution of the search warrant.

* * *

I don't [agree with] the State's argument that the cell phone and/or [SD] card is actually contained within the 4 corners of the warrant [as] some type of magnetic equipment, but I do believe *** a warrant for the cell phone could have been inevitably obtained. Detective Borowczyk testified that he examined the laptop. In examining the laptop he saw the image which *** he could have traced back to

the cell phone. Detective Borowczyk could and would have obtained a search warrant for the cell phone and the [SD] card within the cell phone at that time.***

I find that the [State] ha[s] proven inevitable discovery by a preponderance of the evidence. So it is on that basis that the [d]efendant's motion is denied."

¶ 13 In August 2015, the case proceeded to trial. The State presented evidence of photos and videos allegedly containing child pornography that the State claimed defendant created and possessed. Detective Borowczyk testified that, with respect to State's exhibits 7 through 14, the images depicted were ultimately discovered on defendant's Acer laptop. Those images depicted a child, L.H., reclining on a bed with her stepsister, H.J. Exhibits 13 and 14 showed an adult's hand pulling L.H.'s nightgown down to reveal her breast.

¶ 14 Detective Borowczyk further testified that the Acer laptop with images of child pornography was discovered in defendant's bedroom. He stated that, with respect to exhibits 13 and 14, he was able to see the EXIF data. He explained "EXIF" stands for "exchangeable image format." The EXIF data showed the time when the photos depicted in exhibits 13 and 14 were created and the device that created them. He testified the LG cell phone created the images.

¶ 15 L.H.'s father testified L.H. was born on May 24, 2002. He explained defendant was a friend of his stepson, and defendant would visit their residence to assist with yard work and other projects around the home. He identified defendant in court.

¶ 16 L.H. testified she knew defendant as a friend of her stepbrother. She testified defendant would occasionally watch movies in her bedroom. When L.H. was shown exhibits 13 and 14, she identified herself and explained the photos were taken without her permission or knowledge. L.H. confirmed the hand in the photos pulling down her nightgown was not hers.

¶ 17 Deborah Dunn, defendant's mother, testified on defendant's behalf. Dunn stated that she rented the Acer laptop for defendant's use. She explained the LG phone belonged to her but defendant also used it. She testified that she had observed several of defendant's friends use both the LG cell phone and the laptop. Dunn denied taking the photos in exhibits 7-14.

¶ 18 Following deliberations, the jury found defendant guilty of two counts of child pornography. Defendant was sentenced to two consecutive terms of 25 years in prison.

¶ 19 This appeal followed.

¶ 20 II. ANALYSIS

¶ 21 Defendant argues on appeal that (1) the trial court erred in denying his motion to suppress evidence; (2) exhibits 13 and 14 did not constitute child pornography; and (3) the jury was not instructed on the proper factors to consider in determining whether exhibits 13 and 14 were "lewd" and thus defendant was denied his right to a fair trial.

¶ 22 A. Suppression of the Evidence

¶ 23 As stated, defendant argues the trial court erred in denying his motion to suppress evidence. There is a two-part standard of review that applies when considering a trial court's ruling on a motion to suppress evidence. *People v. Timmsen*, 2016 IL 118181, ¶ 11, 50 N.E.3d 1092. First, the court's factual findings will be upheld unless they are against the manifest weight of the evidence. *Id.* A finding of fact is against the manifest weight of the evidence where an opposite conclusion is clearly evident. *People v. Miles*, 343 Ill. App. 3d 1026, 1030, 798 N.E.2d 1279, 1283 (2003). Second, the court's legal conclusion regarding whether suppression is warranted is reviewed *de novo*. *Timmsen*, 2016 IL 118181, ¶ 11.

¶ 24 The fourth amendment to the United States Constitution and article I, section 6, of

the Illinois Constitution protect citizens against unreasonable searches and seizures. *Id.* ¶ 9 (citing U.S. Const. amend. IV; Ill. Const. 1970, art. I, § 6). “The touchstone of the fourth amendment is ‘the reasonableness in all the circumstances of the particular governmental invasion of a citizen’s personal security.’ ” *Id.* (quoting *Terry v. Ohio*, 392 U.S. 1, 19 (1968)). The search-and-seizure provision of the Illinois Constitution is interpreted in the same manner as the fourth amendment. *People v. Caballes*, 221 Ill. 2d 282, 290, 851 N.E.2d 26, 32 (2006).

¶ 25 “To enforce the Fourth Amendment’s prohibition against ‘unreasonable searches and seizures,’ *** at times [courts] *** exclude evidence obtained by unconstitutional police conduct.” *Utah v. Strieff*, ___ U.S. ___, 136 S. Ct. 2056, 2059 (2016). However, “[w]ithin the framework of these fundamental rules there is some latitude for police to detain where ‘the intrusion on the citizen’s privacy ‘was so much less severe’ *** that *** ‘the opposing interests in crime prevention and detection and in the police officer’s safety’ could support the seizure as reasonable.” *Bailey v. United States*, 568 U.S. 186, 193 (2013) (quoting *Michigan v. Summers* 452 U.S. 692, 697-698 (1981)).

¶ 26 1. *Search Incident to the Execution of a Warrant*

¶ 27 Here, the trial court determined Lieutenant Walker lawfully stopped defendant in his vehicle “in conjunction” with the execution of the search warrant. Defendant argues on appeal that his detention was not reasonable, the search warrant did not authorize police to detain him in his vehicle “one mile” away from his residence, and thus the LG cell phone that was subsequently seized as a result of that improper detention must be suppressed.

¶ 28 In support of his argument, defendant relies on *Bailey v. United States*, 568 U.S. 186 (2013). In *Bailey*, police obtained a search warrant for a residence. *Id.* at 190. During the

surveillance of the premises, two people left the residence and detectives stopped their vehicle approximately one mile away. *Id.* In determining whether the stop was reasonable under the fourth amendment, the United States Supreme Court recognized that, although officers are justified in detaining occupants of the residence incident to the execution of a search warrant under *Michigan v. Summers*, 452 U.S. 692 (1981), the detention is more “intrusive” when the person is detained some distance away from the premises to be searched. *Bailey*, 568 U.S. at 200. Accordingly, *Bailey* instructs that the permissibility of detaining occupants incident to the execution of a search warrant is spatially constrained to the “immediate vicinity” of the premises to be searched. *Id.* at 201. “Once an individual has left the immediate vicinity of a premises to be searched, *** detentions must be justified by some other rationale.” *Id.* at 202.

¶ 29 In this case, defendant, his vehicle, and the LG cell phone were not particularly described in the search warrant. *Groh v. Ramirez*, 540 U.S. 551, 557 (2004) (The fourth amendment requires that a warrant “particularly” describe the “place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized ***.”) (Emphasis omitted.) Defendant had left 266 Lisa Drive before the search warrant was executed, and Lieutenant Walker detained him some distance from the premises. There is no evidence in the record to support an inference that defendant was within the “immediate vicinity” of the premises to be searched. *Bailey*, 568 U.S. at 200. To the contrary, defendant testified at the suppression hearing regarding his route of travel as he drove away from the residence. He testified he had left the trailer park and was pulled over by Lieutenant Walker on Greenswitch Road “right before the train tracks meeting at *** Route 48.” We find it unnecessary to address defendant’s request that we take judicial notice of the Google map reference in the appendix of his brief. Defendant’s uncontradicted description of his route of

travel makes clear he was not in the “immediate vicinity” of his residence when he was stopped by Lieutenant Walker. We find that, under *Bailey*, defendant was not within the “immediate vicinity” of the premises to be searched under the warrant, and thus he could not be detained incident to the execution of the search warrant. *Id.*

¶ 30

2. *Terry Stop*

¶ 31

Defendant argues that his detention was not based on a reasonable, articulable suspicion in accordance with *Terry v. Ohio*, 392 U.S. 1 (1968). Defendant contends that his detention was in violation of the fourth amendment, and thus his alleged consent to the seizure of the cell phone was tainted by the improper detention.

¶ 32

A traffic stop “constitutes a ‘seizure’ *** within the meaning of the fourth amendment” and is “subject to the fourth amendment’s reasonableness requirement.” *People v. Close*, 238 Ill. 2d 497, 504–05, 939, N.E.2d 463, 467 (2010). In *Terry v. Ohio*, 392 U.S. 1, 30 (1968), the United States Supreme Court recognized a limited exception to the warrant requirement, holding that a police officer may conduct a brief, investigatory stop when the officer has a reasonable, articulable suspicion “that criminal activity may be afoot ***.” To determine whether the officer acted reasonably, “due weight must be given, not to his inchoate and unparticularized suspicion or ‘hunch,’ but to the specific reasonable inferences which he is entitled to draw from the facts in light of his experience.” *Id.* at 27.

¶ 33

Further, “[t]he investigatory stop must be justified at its inception.” *Close*, 238 Ill. 2d at 505. We use an objective standard to evaluate a police officer’s conduct and consider “whether the facts available to the officer warrant a person of reasonable caution to believe that the action which the officer took was appropriate.” *People v. Houlihan*, 167 Ill. App. 3d 638,

642, 521 N.E.2d 277, 280 (1988). “If reasonable suspicion is lacking, the traffic stop is unconstitutional and evidence obtained as a result of the stop is generally inadmissible.” *People v. Gaytan*, 2015 IL 116223, ¶ 20, 32 N.E.3d 641.

¶ 34 We need not reach defendant’s contentions regarding the investigatory stop and his subsequent consent to the seizure of the cell phone because, as discussed below, we conclude the information from the cell phone was otherwise admissible under the inevitable discovery doctrine.

¶ 35 **3. Inevitable Discovery**

¶ 36 The State argues the evidence from the LG cell phone was admissible because it would inevitably have been discovered during the valid execution of the search warrant at 266 Lisa Drive. We agree.

¶ 37 The doctrine of inevitable discovery “allows for the admission of evidence that would have been discovered even without the unconstitutional source.” *Utah v. Strieff*, ___ U.S. ___, 136 S. Ct. 2056, 2061 (2016). It permits evidence that would otherwise be inadmissible “where the State can show that such evidence would inevitably have been discovered without reference to the police error or misconduct.” (Internal citations and quotations omitted.) *People v. Sutherland*, 223 Ill. 2d 187, 228, 860 N.E.2d 178, 209 (2006). If the State “can establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the information ultimately or inevitably would have been discovered by lawful means *** [then] the evidence should be received.” (Emphasis omitted.) *People v. Durgan*, 281 Ill. App. 3d 863, 867, 667 N.E.2d 730, 733 (1996) (citing *Nix v. Williams*, 467 U.S. 431, 444 (1984)). “Circumstances justifying application of the ‘inevitable discovery’ rule are most likely to be present if *** investigative procedures were already in

progress prior to the discovery via illegal means.” *People v. Mitchell*, 189 Ill. 2d 312, 342, 727 N.E.2d 254, 272 (2000) (citing 5 W. LaFave, Search & Seizure § 11.4(a), at 249 (3d ed.1996)).

¶ 38 Generally, courts allow evidence under the inevitable discovery doctrine where (1) the condition of the evidence would have been the same as that when improperly obtained; (2) the evidence would have been found by an independent line of investigation untainted by the illegal conduct; and (3) the independent line of investigation must have already been in progress at the time the evidence was unconstitutionally obtained. *People v. Alvarado*, 268 Ill. App. 3d 459, 470, 644 N.E.2d 783, 791 (1994). “[I]nevitability discovery involves no speculative elements but focuses on demonstrated historical facts capable of ready verification or impeachment.” *Nix*, 467 U.S. at 445 n.5.

¶ 39 Here, the trial court found the evidence from the LG cell phone was admissible under the inevitable discovery doctrine. At the motion to suppress hearing, Detective Borowczyk testified that, during the execution of the search warrant at 266 Lisa Drive, he “found items on one of the laptop computers that [was] know[n] [to] be used by the defendant[,] *** [which] indicated that images [of] *** child pornography were on the laptop[.]” *** The EXIF data [on the laptop] led us back to the LG cell phone.” Detective Borowczyk further testified EXIF data “refer[s] to what we would call a source device or the device used to create the image.” He stated “[t]he EXIF data *** showed that the images were created using [an] LG device.” The testimony at the suppression hearing revealed that an independent investigation was already in progress. The steps taken by Detective Borowczyk led to the discovery of the EXIF data on defendant’s laptop, which was lawfully seized pursuant to the execution of the search warrant. Thus, the EXIF data on the laptop would inevitably have led to the discovery of the images on the cell

phone.

¶ 40 Defendant contends that because he was taking the cell phone to be “serviced” when he was detained by Lieutenant Walker, the phone’s components could have been “misplaced,” and thus the State did not prove the condition of the evidence would have been the same without Lieutenant Walker’s seizure of the cell phone during the allegedly illegal investigatory stop. We find defendant’s argument is speculative. At the suppression hearing, Lieutenant Walker testified that, when he detained defendant, defendant stated he was “en route to take the phone for some service ***.” Based on this limited testimony, we cannot conclude the condition of the evidence would have been altered simply because defendant allegedly was taking the phone for “some” service. Instead, we find the evidence from the cell phone would have been discovered through an independent line of investigation being conducted by Detective Borowczyk as discussed above. Accordingly, we find the trial court did not err in denying defendant’s motion to suppress the evidence because the information from the cell phone was otherwise admissible under the inevitable discovery doctrine.

¶ 41 B. Exhibits 13 and 14

¶ 42 Defendant argues exhibits 13 and 14 were not “lewd” and thus do not qualify as child pornography. We disagree.

¶ 43 On review, we must determine whether the photos were “lewd under the child pornography statute.” *People v. Lamborn*, 185 Ill. 2d 585, 590, 708 N.E.2d 350, 354 (1999). “Lewdness must be construed in light of the grave concerns regarding the sexual exploitation of children and the attendant harm it causes the children involved in child pornography.” *People v. Lewis*, 305 Ill. App. 3d 665, 677, 712 N.E.2d 401, 410 (1999). Courts must apply an objective

standard of review and focus on the photos themselves, not the circumstances surrounding the taking of the photos. *Lamborn*, 185 Ill. 2d at 597. The determination of whether a photo was “lewd” is made on a case-by-case basis. *Id.* at 593. This involves a question of statutory construction, which we review *de novo*. *Id.* at 590.

¶ 44 Under section 11-20.1(a)(1)(vii) of the Criminal Code of 1961, a person commits the offense of child pornography when he:

“films, videotapes, photographs, or otherwise depicts or portrays by means of any similar visual medium or reproduction or depicts by computer any child whom he or she knows or reasonably should know to be under the age of 18 *** is *** depicted or portrayed in any pose, posture or setting involving a lewd exhibition of the unclothed or transparently clothed genitals, pubic area, buttocks, or, if such person is female, a fully or partially developed breast of the child or other person[.]” 720 ILCS 5/11-20.1 (a)(1)(vii) (West 2012).

¶ 45 In *People v. Lamborn*, 185 Ill. 2d 585, 708 N.E.2d 350 (1999), our supreme court noted “lewd” has been defined as “[o]bscene, lustful, indecent, lascivious, [or] lecherous.”

Lamborn, 185 Ill.2d at 591 (quoting *People v. Walcher*, 162 Ill. App. 3d 455, 460, 515 N.E.2d 319, 323 (1987)). The *Lamborn* court set forth the following six-factor test to determine whether an image qualifies as lewd:

“(1) whether the focal point of the visual depiction is on the child’s genitals; (2) whether the setting of the visual depiction is sexually suggestive, *i.e.*, in a place or pose generally associated with sexual activity; (3) whether the child is depicted in an unnatural pose, or in inappropriate attire, considering the age of the child; (4)

whether the child is fully or partially clothed, or nude; (5) whether the visual depiction suggests sexual coyness or a willingness to engage in sexual activity; and (6) whether the visual depiction is intended or designed to elicit a sexual response in the viewer.” *Lamborn*, 185 Ill. 2d at 592.

A photo need not possess all of these characteristics to be considered lewd. *Id.* “Rather, the determination of whether the visual depiction is lewd will involve an analysis of the overall content of the depiction, taking into account the age of the minor.” *Id.* at 592-593.

¶ 46 Here, the two photos at issue—exhibits 13 and 14—depict a child, L.H., who was under the age of 13 at the time the photos were taken. In both photos, the focal point is the child’s exposed breast and an adult hand can be seen pulling down her nightgown. The primary difference between the two photos is that the child’s face is seen in exhibit 13 but it is not seen in exhibit 14.

¶ 47 Defendant concedes the first factor—regarding the “focal point” of the photos—supports a finding of “lewdness” because the focal point is L.H.’s partially exposed breast. *Id.* at 592.

¶ 48 The second factor is “whether the setting of the visual depiction is sexually suggestive, *i.e.*, in a place or pose generally associated with sexual activity.” *Id.* Although the photos were taken in a bedroom, we find the setting is not necessarily sexually suggestive. See *Lewis*, 305 Ill. App. 3d at 678 (“[A]lthough the setting is a bedroom, this fact is not used to suggest sexual activity.”). Here, the setting of L.H.’s bedroom is barely visible in the photos at issue. L.H. testified that she did not know the photos were being taken. Indeed, in both photos, she does not appear to be interacting with the camera whatsoever. There is no evidence to

suggest that L.H. was posing. Accordingly, this factor does not weigh in favor of a finding of lewdness.

¶ 49 The third factor concerns “whether the child is depicted in an unnatural pose, or in inappropriate attire, considering the age of the child.” *Lamborn*, 185 Ill. 2d at 592. The photos here depict an adult hand pulling down the neckline of L.H.’s nightgown to partially expose her breast. Certainly, this cannot be construed as a natural pose especially in light of L.H.’s age. This factor supports a finding of lewdness.

¶ 50 The fourth factor concerns “whether the child is fully or partially clothed, or nude.” *Id.* at 592. Defendant concedes that L.H. is partially nude, which supports a finding of lewdness.

¶ 51 The fifth factor is “whether the visual depiction suggests sexual coyness or a willingness to engage in sexual activity.” *Id.* at 592. In both photos, it **appears** L.H. is not resisting efforts to expose her breast. It is with caution that we use the word “appears.” It may be that the photos were taken at the same time the hand shown in the photo pulled down the nightgown, giving L.H. no time to react prior to the photos being taken. In any event, the appearance of acquiescence might lend itself to the suggestion of willingness to engage in sexual activity notwithstanding that it may well have been a false appearance. We find this factor weighs in favor of lewdness.

¶ 52 The sixth factor is “whether the visual depiction is intended or designed to elicit a sexual response in the viewer.” *Id.* at 592. In *People v. Sven*, 365 Ill. App. 3d 226, 238, 848 N.E.2d 228, 239 (2006), the Second District explained that the proper inquiry for this factor “focuses upon whether the image invites the viewer to perceive the image from some sexualized

or deviant point of view.” The court further noted that, “by placing the viewer in the role of voyeur, the images become sexualized.” *Id.* at 240. Defendant concedes L.H. was not aware the photos were being taken and they invited the viewer to perceive her from an outside perspective. We find the photos place the viewer in the role of a voyeur, thus this factor weighs in favor of a finding of lewdness.

¶ 53 We conclude the first, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth factors support a finding of lewdness in this case. *Lamborn*, 185 Ill. 2d at 592. Accordingly, we find exhibits 13 and 14 were “lewd” and constituted child pornography under section 11-20.1(a)(1)(vii) of the Criminal Code.

¶ 54 C. The Jury Instruction for Child Pornography

¶ 55 Defendant argues that the term “lewd” has a specific meaning under Illinois law, and it was error for the trial court not to instruct the jury on the *Lamborn* factors. He contends he was denied his right to a fair trial. We disagree.

¶ 56 Initially, we note defendant failed to offer an alternative jury instruction at trial and he failed to raise the issue in a posttrial motion. He maintains, however, that his forfeiture may be excused under the plain error doctrine. A reviewing court may consider an unpreserved error in the following circumstances:

“ ‘(1) a clear or obvious error occurred and the evidence is so closely balanced that the error alone threatened to tip the scales of justice against the defendant, regardless of the seriousness of the error, or (2) a clear or obvious error occurred and that error is so serious that it affected the fairness of the defendant’s trial and challenged the integrity of the judicial process, regardless of the closeness of the evidence.’ ” *People v. Thompson*, 238 Ill. 2d 598, 613, 939 N.E.2d 403, 413

(2010) (quoting *People v. Piatkowski*, 225 Ill. 2d 551, 565, 870 N.E.2d 403, 410-11 (2007)).

“[A]n instruction that omits an element of the offense does not necessarily render a criminal trial fundamentally unfair or an unreliable vehicle for determining guilt or innocence.” (Emphasis omitted.) *People v. Thurow*, 203 Ill. 2d 352, 365, 786 N.E.2d 1019, 1026 (2003). Further, “[i]f a defendant *** fails to tender jury instructions[,] *** he cannot reasonably expect the trial court, unaided, to divine his intent.” *People v. Grant*, 71 Ill. 2d 551, 557–58, 377 N.E.2d 4, 7 (1978). “However, the trial court has a duty to instruct the jury further when clarification is requested, when the original instructions are insufficient or when the jurors are manifestly confused.” *People v. Sanders*, 368 Ill. App. 3d 533, 537, 857 N.E.2d 948, 952 (2006). “[W]e review for an abuse of discretion the trial court’s decision to give a particular jury instruction.” *People v. Dorn*, 378 Ill. App. 3d 693, 698, 883 N.E.2d 584, 587 (2008). “This court reviews *de novo* whether the jury instructions, as a whole, accurately conveyed the law.” *Id.*

¶ 57 The jury in this case received Illinois Pattern Jury Instruction, Criminal, No. 9.29 (4th ed. 2013) (hereinafter, IPI Criminal 4th No. 9.29) for “child pornography,” which provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

“That such child was depicted or portrayed in a pose, posture or setting involving a lewd exhibition of the fully or partially developed breast of the child if the child is a female.”

¶ 58 Defendant contends the above jury instruction for child pornography failed to provide guidance to the jury in its consideration of whether the photos were lewd. He further maintains the evidence was closely balanced and he was denied his right to a fair trial because of

the lack of a jury instruction listing the *Lamborn* factors. In support of his position, defendant cites this court's decision, *People v. McSwain*, 2012 IL App (4th) 100619, ¶ 32, 964 N.E.2d 1174. In that case, we concluded the trial court, in response to the jury's inquiry during deliberations, properly exercised its discretion by not providing the jury with a dictionary definition of "lewd," and instead, providing it with the *Lamborn* factors. *Id.* In *McSwain*, the jury specifically requested a definition of the term "lewd." *McSwain*, 2012 IL App (4th) 100619, ¶

17. No such request was made in the case at bar, and defense counsel failed to tender an instruction listing the *Lamborn* factors. Moreover, in *McSwain*, we did *not* hold that a jury *must* be instructed as to the *Lamborn* factors in a case involving child pornography. Instead, we simply held it was not error for the trial court to do so.

¶ 59 We conclude the jury was properly instructed as to the offense of child pornography in this case. The trial court was not requested to instruct the jury as to the *Lamborn* factors and it had no affirmative duty to instruct the jury further on the term "lewd." This is particularly so where the jury did not request any clarification and defense counsel failed to tender an alternative instruction at trial. We find no error occurred here, thus there can be no plain error.

¶ 60 III. CONCLUSION

¶ 61 For the reasons stated, we affirm defendant's conviction. As part of our judgment we award the State its \$75 statutory assessment against defendant as costs of this appeal. 55 ILCS 5/4-2002 (West 2014).

¶ 62 Affirmed.

APPENDIX B

Contains:

Decisions of the trial court,
Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit,
Macon County, Illinois

1. Motion to Suppress
April 23, 2015, pg. 25-27
2. Motion for a Finding of Directed Verdict
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1 argument about, you know, we just took the card out of
2 it, we didn't like at the phone. It's splitting hairs.
3 You're looking at the phone. It's not a matter, you
4 know, and they don't have a right to be in that phone
5 at that time. So I would suggest that the motion
6 should be granted.

7 THE COURT: Very well. Caroline, show that
8 The court has considered the sworn testimony and the
9 arguments of counsel. The motion to suppress evidence
10 is denied. Findings of fact and law announced in open
11 Court.

12 Is this is my analysis, counsel. The officers
13 certainly had a good search warrant for the residence
14 and the contents within the residence. Apparently the
15 Defendant was a target of the investigation even though
16 he was not specifically named in the warrant.
17 officer Walker is assisting in the execution of the
18 search warrant. Officer Walker receives information
19 that the Defendant is leaving the residence. Officer
20 Walker then testified that he temporarily stopped or
21 detained the Defendant as he was leaving the residence.
22 And this Court believes that Officer Walker had a right
23 to do so in conjunction with the execution of the
24 search warrant.

1 During the stop, apparently the Defendant is
2 making phone calls. Officer Walker asked if he can
3 have the cell phone. The Court certainly finds that
4 Officer Walker's testimony is credible regarding that
5 issue and the Court finds the Defendant's testimony is
6 not credible regarding that issue. Officer Walker then
7 takes the phone. Follows the Defendant back to the
8 residence and once at the residence, turns the phone
- 9 over to Detective Borowczyk. We then get to the issue
10 of actually searching or examining the SIM card within
- 11 the cell phone. I don't buy the State's argument that
12 the cell phone and/or SIM card is actually contained
13 within the 4 corners of the warrant being some type of
- 14 magnetic equipment, but I do believe the cell phone
15 would have been inevitably or a warrant for the cell
16 phone could have been inevitably obtained. Detective
17 Borowczyk testified that he examined the laptop. In
18 examining the laptop he saw the image which some how he
19 could have obtained or he could have traced back to the
20 cell phone. Detective Borowczyk could and would have
21 obtained a search warrant for the cell phone and the
22 SIM card within the cell phone at that time. I
23 certainly can't find that there is any type of bad
24 faith on behalf of Detective Borowczyk and I find that

1 the People have proven inevitable discovery by a
2 preponderance of the evidence. So it is on that basis
3 that the Defendant's motion is denied.

4 So, Ms. Kurtz, do you want me to set this for
5 trial at this time or, Mr. Rueter, I will allow you to
6 speak. What do you want me to do, Mr. Rueter?

7 MR. REUTER: I think that's where we're at,
8 Judge.

9 THE COURT: Okay. I know we have 2 cases
10 here. Do you want to proceed on this case first,
11 Ms. Kurtz, or the other one?

12 MS. KURTZ: I do, Judge. I want to proceed on
13 13 CF 236 case. I did want to wait until the Court had
14 ruled on this. I do intend to file an additional,
15 additional counts of information that I think is
16 probably, more properly reflects the correct charge,
17 should we be going to trial. So, we can have a trial
18 date and then, just in the interim, a short date for
19 that.

20 THE COURT: I would, counsel, this has been
21 going on for some time. Seems to me like maybe a June
22 trial date would be appropriate. Mr. Rueter?

23 MS. KURTZ: That's fine.

24 MR. RUETER: Judge, whenever the Court has

1 doesn't know that the defendant took these photos,
2 they're certainly, at this stage, although the People
3 submit at the close of the evidence as well, enough
4 evidence, circumstantial evidence, that it was, in
5 fact, this defendant. Unless, there's any specific
6 questions I won't continue on.

7 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Any
8 rebuttal argument, Mr. Rueter?

9 MR. RUETER: No, sir.

10 THE COURT: All right. We'll show then Mr.
11 Rueter moves for a directed verdict at the close of the
12 People's case. The arguments have been heard. Show
13 that the motion is denied. All right. And --

14 MS. KURTZ: And Judge, I guess, when the jury
15 comes back in will you ask and I'll formerly rest in
16 front of them? Is that how you do it?

17 THE COURT: I can do that.

18 MS. KURTZ: Okay.

19 THE COURT: I'd be happy to do that.

20 MS. KURTZ: Okay.

21 THE COURT: If you want me to do that?

22 MS. KURTZ: Yes, please.

23 THE COURT: It make the most sense I suppose.

24 A -- as long as the jury is out, let's talk briefly

1 JUROR MR. QUICK: I am, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Will you pass the papers please to
3 Bob and he will give them to me. Thank you. All
4 right. We are ready to announce the verdict in this
5 case we have two verdict forms. We, the jury, find the
6 defendant, Gerald Long, guilty of Child Pornography as
7 depicted in People's Exhibit Number 14.

8 The second verdict form, we, the jury, find the
9 defendant, Gerald Long, guilty of Child Pornography as
10 depicted in People's Exhibit 13. Mr. Rueter, do you
11 desire that I poll the jury?

12 MR. RUETER: No, sir.

13 THE COURT: All right. In that case then,
14 Ladies and Gentlemen, we thank you for service. We'll
15 show on record that verdict is accepted, noted of
16 record, and judgment will be entered on verdict.

17 I want to thank you, at this time, for your jury
18 service. These cases are difficult to decide. And we
19 take away from your families and from work environments
20 and put you in a position of civil service. And you've
21 done your duty diligently, and worked hard, and been on
22 time. That's always makes my job a lot easier when I
23 have jurors that come in on time and listen closely to
24 the evidence. So, do very, very, much appreciate your

1 the People's written response is sufficient unless the
2 Court wants me to respond additionally. I would just
3 say as to paragraph 7, it was a photograph of Lexus
4 Hensen. It was her school year photo for that year.
5 Judge, when Mr. Rueter says there is no issue of ID,
6 quite frankly, every single thing is an issue. The
7 People must prove their case. The People must prove
8 that a photograph was taken of a child, Lexus Hensen,
9 who was under 13. The photograph was relevant to show
10 that it was this child and it was taken when she was
11 under the age of 13. I mean, her age is actually an
12 issue that we must prove. Therefore, the photograph was
13 relevant and it was proper for the Court to allow it in.
14 Unless there's anything else the Court wants me to
15 address, I have no other argument.

16 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Mr.
17 Rueter, any rebuttal argument you wish to make?

18 MR. RUETER: Well, just as to that last
19 point with respect to 7, the identification and age of
20 the minor. She testified. So there was the evidence
21 there.

22 THE COURT: Thank you. After we show that
23 the case is called for hearing on the motion for new
24 trial or for judgment notwithstanding the verdict, show

1 arguments heard and considered. Please show that the
2 motion is denied. Then please show that we'll call the
3 case for sentencing hearing. Is the State ready to
4 proceed at this time?

5 MS. KURTZ: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Rueter, is defense prepared
7 to proceed?

8 MR. RUETER: Yes, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Long, before we
10 begin, I want to ask you, basically, a single question.
11 Are you presently under any mental or physical
12 disability, on any medication or under the influence of
13 any drugs or alcohol that would in any way affect your
14 ability to understand these proceedings to take part in
15 them?

16 MR. LONG: No.

17 THE COURT: All right. Has counsel had an
18 opportunity, an adequate opportunity to prepare for
19 sentencing and to discuss the matter with your client,
20 Mr. Rueter?

21 MR. RUETER: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: All right. Are there any
23 additions or corrections to be made to the presentence
24 investigation report, Ms. Kurtz?

1 MR. LONG: Nope.

2 THE COURT: All right. Give me just a
3 moment. Having now considered the trial evidence, the
4 presentence investigation report considering the
5 history, character and attitude of the defendant, the
6 evidence and arguments presented and having considered
7 the statutory matters in aggravation and mitigation and
8 having due regard for the circumstances of the offense,
9 I find as follows: As to amended Count 1, defendant
10 will be sentenced to Illinois Department of Corrections
11 for a period of 25 years subject to a period of
12 mandatory supervised release which would run anywhere
13 from 3 years to natural life. He is to be given credit
14 for time served. Mr. Rueter, have you calculated those
15 dates by any chance?

16 MR. RUETER: It's in the presentence report,
17 Judge, and as I understand, what Department of
18 Corrections wants us to do these days, is to indicate
19 the dates and they figure out the number of days. So
20 it's just -- custody dates of March 9, 2013 and we
21 actually don't use today because Department of
22 Corrections will start today.. So we use yesterday's
23 date as the end date.

24 THE COURT: Okay. Ms. Kurtz, anything you

1 MR. RUETER: No, sir.

2 THE COURT: All right. Show the case is
3 called for hearing on the motion to reconsider sentence.
4 Show the arguments heard. Show that the motion is
5 denied.

6 MR. RUETER: On behalf of Mr. Long, Your
7 Honor, we'd make a motion that the Court appoint the
8 Appellate Defender and that the Court ask the clerk to
9 file a notice of appeal on Mr. Long's behalf.

10 THE COURT: Ms. Kurtz, anything you want to
11 or can say about that?

12 MS. KURTZ: No, sir.

13 THE COURT: All right. We'll show on motion
14 of Mr. Rueter, the Circuit Clerk is directed to file
15 notice of appeal in behalf of Mr. Long. Public defender
16 -- I guess it would be the Office of the State Appellate
17 Defender. Do I have the title correct?

18 MR. RUETER: Yes, sir.

19 THE COURT: Office of the State Appellate
20 Defender is appointed. State Appellate Defender is
21 appointed counsel on appeal. Clerk directed to file
22 notice of appeal. Common law record directed to be
23 prepared. Thank you, Missy. Anything else I can help
24 you with?

APPENDIX C

Contains:

Decision of The Supreme Court of Illinois,
denying review.



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In re: People State of Illinois, respondent, v. Gerald W. Long, petitioner.
Leave to appeal, Appellate Court, Fourth District.
124018

The Supreme Court today DENIED the Petition for Leave to Appeal in the above entitled cause.

The mandate of this Court will issue to the Appellate Court on 01/02/2019.

Very truly yours,

Carolyn Taft Grosboll

Clerk of the Supreme Court

APPENDIX D

Contains:

Affidavit

State of Illinois)
)
County of Macon) SS

AFFIDAVIT

Gerald Long, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and say the following:

My name is Gerald William Long. Before being falsely imprisoned, I was a resident at 266 Lisa Dr. and had been residing there since early 2006. We had owned an internet account with Comcast since they took over Insight Broadband, and were with Insight for years before that.

My parents and I are kind, helpful people who help others out and let others use what we have. This includes the internet, and even devices.

Among other things, I am a computer technician, which I have been since my senior year of high school, when I took Computer Science college courses towards a degree in Computer Science. I worked on computers, servers, and networks for individuals quite often, and businesses sometimes.

The work would either be done at our residence (with or without the client), at the client's residence, or at a neutral location. This would result in others' devices being left at our residence. Our kindness and my side work resulted in more than 30 people having access to the internet through our internet account at any given point in time. This included friends, neighbors, acquaintances, clients, and even strangers (as those we gave the network info to would in turn give it to others).

1/ ~~Gerald Long~~

Gerald Long

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APPENDIX E

Contains:

Affidavit

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AFFIDAVIT

Gerald Long, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says the following:

I did not record the video, VID-20130215-191920, and there is nothing wrong going on in the video. Here is the statement of facts regarding that day the video was recorded and what is actually going on in the video.

The video was recorded at Kevin and Kari's house, sometime in the AM. When you first come in the front door, you are standing in the livingroom, with a wall on your immediate left. Directly ahead is a short section of the right side hallway wall sticking out of the hallway and ending at the kitchen peninsula. When you turn down the hallway, the doors on the left in order (in February 2013) were the small hallway storage closet, Brandon's bedroom, and Blake's bedroom. The doors on the right were the bathroom, and the girls' bedroom (door directly across from Blake's door). The hallway electrical outlet is on the wall inbetween Brandon's and Blake's rooms.

Kari was at work. Kevin, Blake, Brandon, Hannah, Lexis, and myself were present. Kevin used the phone in question to make a call. Afterwards, he placed the phone on the kitchen peninsula counter, which at that time also had some tools, nails, screws, outlets, etc. on it (due to the work being done). Kevin then asked me to come with him and he showed me the outlet in the hallway. Kevin told me that he was just heading right down the road to get

some stuff real quick and said that he would be right back. He asked me to get the outlet replaced while he was gone and to also check the wiring and to replace it as well if needed, but asked for me to have it all done before he got back from his quick errand. I told him that I would do my best to have it done before he got back. I went and gathered my tools and the outlet he wanted installed as he left. I asked the girls to stay out of the hallway since I was going to be working with live electrical and have tools on the floor. I laid the tools on the floor to the left of the outlet, and sat myself down in front of it and got to work.

Shortly thereafter, the girls brought the phone to me (I do not know why), though at first I did not notice (it should probably be noted at this time that I have ADHD and OCD). I instinctively held out my left hand, and they placed the phone on my hand, apparently screen side up. This is the starting point of the video file, darkness, since the camera side of the phone was laid down on my outstretched hand. I automatically laid the phone on the floor beside me, then, realizing that something had been given to me, I looked and noticed that it was the phone. I then slid the phone over by the tools, figuring it would be safer there than directly by my body in case I got shocked (as has happened a few times), as I did not want to risk jumping from a shock and landing on the phone.

I guess that the girls were running around playing, pushing each other across the floor, and inadvertently ended up stepping on the phone. One of them said that they thought they broke the phone. By way of an automated response

(since I did not even realize what they had said), in a tone that makes it obvious I was not paying attention to them at all, I said, "Yeah, that's fine."

Shortly after that, they came up to me and asked me what Mozart's name was. Hearing "Mozart," they had gained my attention, which annoyed me since I was in the middle of doing electrical work. In a very agitated tone I said, after angrily huffing, "Wolfgang Amedeus Mozart." Then the girls asked, "No, what's his first name?" to which I gave an agitated, rushed, and incorrect response, "Amedeus" out of frustration of being distracted while trying to work.

It had finally dawned on me what they had said earlier about breaking the phone. I looked over at it and at first glance I could not notice any cracks in the case. I reached over and started to turn the phone over to check the screen, but as I was doing so, the bit I was using fell out of the driver and hit the floor (maybe you can hear it in the video?) Distracted once more with my work I laid the phone back down, never having got to see the screen, and continued my work. The video ends here. It was some short time later that the girls came and got the phone, and took it somewhere else.

I never engaged the girls in conversation. Three times you hear them try to engage me in conversation, and three times you hear me respond in ways that make it clear and obvious that I was not trying to pay any attention to them, and that I did not want them anywhere near me, much less in the hallway at that time.

15/ ~~Gerald Long~~

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