

No. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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JULIO REYNALDO RIVERA,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

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ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

APPENDIX

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## APPENDIX A

United States Court of Appeals  
for the Fifth Circuit

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United States Court of Appeals  
Fifth Circuit

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June 28, 2024

No. 23-11059  
Summary Calendar

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Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

*Plaintiff—Appellee,*

*versus*

JULIO REYNALDO RIVERA,

*Defendant—Appellant.*

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Northern District of Texas  
USDC No. 4:23-CR-123-1

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Before SMITH, HIGGINSON, and ENGELHARDT, *Circuit Judges.*

PER CURIAM:\*

Julio Reynaldo Rivera appeals his conviction and 360-month sentence for sexual exploitation of children, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a) and (e). Citing *Bond v. United States*, 572 U.S. 844 (2014), Reynaldo Rivera argues that the district court plainly erred by accepting a factual resume that admitted only that the materials he used had moved in interstate commerce;

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\* This opinion is not designated for publication. *See 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.*

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he asserts that § 2251(a) should be construed as requiring the Government to prove that the offense caused the materials to move in interstate commerce or, at least, that the materials moved in interstate commerce recently. Reynaldo Rivera also contends, citing *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*, 567 U.S. 519 (2012), that Congress’s power under the Commerce Clause authorizes it to regulate only commercial activity and that the use of an object that traveled through interstate commerce in the past is not, by itself, a commercial act. However, he concedes that his arguments are foreclosed under current precedent. The Government has filed an unopposed motion for summary affirmance, agreeing that Reynaldo Rivera’s challenge is foreclosed.

Summary affirmance is appropriate if “the position of one of the parties is clearly right as a matter of law so that there can be no substantial question as to the outcome of the case.” *Groendyke Transp., Inc. v. Davis*, 406 F.2d 1158, 1162 (5th Cir. 1969). The parties are correct that Reynaldo Rivera’s challenge to his factual basis is foreclosed. *See United States v. Bailey*, 924 F.3d 1289, 1290 (5th Cir. 2019); *United States v. Dickson*, 632 F.3d 186, 192 (5th Cir. 2011); *United States v. Kallestad*, 236 F.3d 225, 226-31 (5th Cir. 2000). Accordingly, the Government’s motion for summary affirmance is GRANTED, the Government’s alternative motion for an extension of time to file a brief is DENIED, and the judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.

## APPENDIX B

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
Fort Worth Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JULIO REYNALDO RIVERA

**JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE**

Case Number: 4:23-CR-00123-P(01)

U.S. Marshal's No.: 52122-510

Alex Lewis for Aisha Saleem, Assistant U.S. Attorney

Michael Lehmann, Attorney for the Defendant

On May 24, 2023 the defendant, JULIO REYNALDO RIVERA, entered a plea of guilty as to Count Two of the Indictment filed on April 25, 2023. Accordingly, the defendant is adjudged guilty of such Count, which involves the following offense:

<u>Title &amp; Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a) and (e)	Sexual Exploitation of Children	3/07/2021	Two

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 7 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to Title 18, United States Code § 3553(a), taking the guidelines issued by the United States Sentencing Commission pursuant to Title 28, United States Code § 994(a)(1), as advisory only.

The defendant shall pay immediately a special assessment of \$100.00 as to Count Two of the Indictment filed on April 25, 2023.

Upon motion of the Government, all remaining Counts are dismissed, as to this defendant only.

The defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within thirty days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid.

Sentence imposed October 12, 2023.

  
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MARK T. PITTMAN  
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

Signed October 17, 2023.

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## IMPRISONMENT

The defendant, JULIO REYNALDO RIVERA, is hereby committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to be imprisoned for a term of **Three Hundred Sixty (360) months** as to Count Two of the Indictment filed on April 25, 2023.

The Court recommends to the Bureau of Prisons that the defendant be allowed to participate in the Residential Drug Treatment Program, GED Program, and any Mental Health/Psychological Treatment Programs, if eligible. The Court further recommends to the BOP that the defendant be incarcerated at FCI Seagoville, or alternatively, as close to the Northern District of Texas as possible.

The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

## SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be placed on supervised release for a term of **Ten (10) years** as to Count Two of the Indictment filed on April 25, 2023.

While on supervised release, in compliance with the standard conditions of supervision adopted by the United States Sentencing Commission, the defendant shall:

- 1) The defendant shall report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where he or she is authorized to reside within 72 hours of release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs the defendant to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame;
- 2) After initially reporting to the probation office, the defendant will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when to report to the probation officer, and the defendant shall report to the probation officer as instructed;
- 3) The defendant shall not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where he or she is authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer;
- 4) The defendant shall answer truthfully the questions asked by the probation officer;
- 5) The defendant shall live at a place approved by the probation officer. If the defendant plans to change where he or she lives or anything about his or her living arrangements (such as the people the defendant lives with), the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, the defendant shall notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change;
- 6) The defendant shall allow the probation officer to visit the defendant at any time at his or her home or elsewhere, and the defendant shall permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of the defendant's supervision that he or she observed in plain view;

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- 7) The defendant shall work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation excuses the defendant from doing so. If the defendant does not have full-time employment, he or she shall try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses the defendant from doing so. If the defendant plans to change where the defendant works or anything about his or her employment (such as the position or the job responsibilities), the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, the defendant shall notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change;
- 8) The defendant shall not communicate or interact with someone the defendant knows is engaged in criminal activity. If the defendant knows someone has been convicted of a felony, the defendant shall not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer;
- 9) If the defendant is arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, the defendant shall notify the probation officer within 72 hours;
- 10) The defendant shall not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed , or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person, such as nunchakus or tasers);
- 11) The defendant shall not act or make an agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court;
- 12) If the probation officer determines that the defendant poses a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require the defendant to notify the person about the risk and the defendant shall comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that the defendant has notified the person about the risk; and,
- 13) The defendant shall follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

In addition the defendant shall:

not commit another federal, state, or local crime;

not possess illegal controlled substances;

not possess a firearm, destructive device, or other dangerous weapon;

cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the U.S. probation officer;

submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court;

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take notice that you must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, et seq.) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in the location where you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense;

make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 2248, 2259, 2264, 2327, 3663, 3663A, and 3664; pay the assessment imposed in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3013;

have no contact with the victim(s), including correspondence, telephone contact, or communication through third parties except under circumstances approved in advance by the probation officer and not enter onto the premises, travel past, or loiter near the victims' residences, places of employment, or other places frequented by the victims;

have no contact with minors under the age of 18, including by correspondence, telephone, internet, electronic communication, or communication through third parties, with the exception of the defendant's own children. The defendant's contact with his children will be limited to occasions when the probation officer is informed in advance of the defendant's intent to have that contact and the probation officer approves it. The defendant shall not have access to or loiter near school grounds, parks, arcades, playgrounds, amusement parks or other places where children may frequently congregate, except as may be allowed upon advance approval by the probation officer;

not use any computer other than the one the defendant is authorized to use without prior approval from the probation officer;

not use any software program or device designed to hide, alter, or delete records and/or logs of the defendant's computer use, Internet activities, or files stored on the defendant's computer;

participate and comply with the requirements of the Computer and Internet Monitoring Program, contributing to the cost of the monitoring in an amount not to exceed \$40 per month. The defendant shall consent to the probation officer's conducting ongoing monitoring of his/her computer/computers. The monitoring may include the installation of hardware and/or software systems that allow evaluation of computer use. The defendant shall not remove, tamper with, reverse engineer, or circumvent the software in any way. The defendant shall only use authorized computer systems that are compatible with the software and/or hardware used by the Computer and Internet Monitoring Program. The defendant shall permit the probation officer to conduct a preliminary computer search prior to the installation of software. At the discretion of the probation officer, the monitoring software may be disabled or removed at any time during the term of supervision;

not use any computer or computer-related equipment owned by his/her employer except for the strict benefit of his/her employer in the performance of his/her job-related duties;

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submit to periodic, unannounced examinations of his/her computer/computers, storage media, and/or other electronic or Internet-capable devices, performed by the probation officer at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner based on reasonable suspicion of contraband evidence of a violation of supervision. This may include the retrieval and copying of any prohibited data and/or the removal of such system for the purpose of conducting a more thorough inspection. The defendant shall provide written authorization for release of information from the defendant's Internet service provider;

provide the probation officer with accurate information about his/her entire computer system. The defendant's email shall only be accessed through a pre-approved application;

not install new hardware, perform upgrades, or effect repairs on his/her computer system without the prior permission of the probation officer;

not possess, have access to, or utilize a computer or Internet connection device, including, but not limited to Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo, or similar device, without permission of the probation officer. This condition requires preapproval for categories of computer or Internet access or use; it does not require separate pre-use approval every time the defendant accesses or uses a computer or the Internet;

neither possess nor have under his/her control any pornographic matter or any matter that sexually depicts minors under the age of 18 including, but not limited to, matter obtained through access to any computer and any matter linked to computer access or use;

participate in sex-offender treatment services as directed by the probation officer until successfully discharged, which services may include psycho-physiological testing to monitor the defendant's compliance, treatment progress, and risk to the community, contributing to the costs of services rendered (copayment) at the rate of at least \$25 per month; and,

participate in an outpatient program approved by the probation officer for treatment of narcotic or drug or alcohol dependency that will include testing for the detection of substance use, abstaining from the use of alcohol and all other intoxicants during and after completion of treatment, contributing to the costs of services rendered (copayment) at the rate of at least \$25 per month.

### **FINE/RESTITUTION**

The Court does not order a fine or costs of incarceration because the defendant does not have the financial resources or future earning capacity to pay a fine or costs of incarceration.

Restitution is not ordered because there is no victim other than society at large.

### **JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS TRAFFICKING ASSESSMENT**

The Court further concluded the defendant is indigent and the \$5,000 assessment required pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3014 is waived.

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**AMY, VICKY, AND ANDY CHILD PORNOGRAPHY VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2018 (AVAA)  
ASSESSMENT**

The Court concluded the defendant does not have the current financial resources or future earning capacity to pay an assessment under 18 U.S.C. § 2259A (The Amy, Vicky, and Andy Act). Thus, the assessment for Count 2 shall be \$0.

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**RETURN**

I have executed this judgment as follows:

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Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_, with a certified copy of this judgment.

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United States Marshal

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BY  
Deputy Marshal