

IP Address [REDACTED] 07:47:42 UTC (Registration)

Snapchat provided NCMEC with a total of 1 file that was sent using their service. The file was sent on March 11, 2024, at approximately 13:20 UTC, and an associated IP address for the suspect account that day was [REDACTED]. Your Affiant reviewed the file which contained 1 video of a child under the age of 18 exposing their genitals in a lewd manner and engaged in sexual activity. These file meets the criteria as child pornography. The video is described as follows:

File Name: [REDACTED]None-3a22836b-a37e-5003-a9ca-301d8358a9ac~98-a23eb65f86-content.mp4

One video file that is approximately 42 seconds in length depicting a female child that is wearing only a white sports bra. The female child is facing away from the camera and is inserting a toothbrush into her anus. The female child is approximately twelve to fifteen years of age based upon her stature, breast development, and lack of pubic hair. The focal point of the video is the female child engaged in sexual activity.

On April 1, 2024, the Honorable Judge John Woodard III signed a residential search warrant for [REDACTED] Seminole County.

On April 3, 2024, Your Affiant and Detective Veronica Soto conducted an audio recorded interview with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] confirmed that she took the video (file name: IMG_5400.mov) that was located within the email account [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] indicated that she took the video in her bedroom using her cell phone on the application Snapchat. [REDACTED] advised that she does not know how [REDACTED] would have come into possession of that video.

While Your Affiant was conducting the interview with [REDACTED] Detectives with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office Crimes Against Children Unit executed the residential search warrant at [REDACTED] Seminole County. During the execution of the search warrant, several electronic devices were seized as evidence to include James Montiel's iPhone 13 Pro bearing phone number [REDACTED] were seized as evidence. All the electronic devices seized to include James Montiel's iPhone 13 were turned over to Digital Forensics Detective Geraldine Blay-Raffo for further examination.

After interviewing [REDACTED] Your Affiant travelled to [REDACTED] Seminole County. Your Affiant and Detective Eric Phillips conducted an audio recorded interview with James Montiel. James confirmed that his phone number is [REDACTED] and that his email is [REDACTED]. James denied utilizing the email or snapchat accounts in question. James indicated that he does not have a personal Snapchat account as he was too old to utilize this application. James denied ever possessing the email address [REDACTED]. James stated his email account [REDACTED] must have been hacked because he has no explanation on how images of himself along with chats about his life were contained within the targeted email account. James denied ever seeing or possessing the videos of child pornography of nude images of [REDACTED].

Later in the evening on April 3, 2024, Detective Geraldine Blay-Raffo indicated that she had begun to examine James Montiel's iPhone 13. Detective Blay-Raffo advised that email address [REDACTED] is associated with the iCloud account for the phone. Detective Blay-Raffo advised that James wiped his cell phone on March 20, 2024, and did not restore his phone from his iCloud account. Detective Blay-Raffo was able to recover searches regarding Snapchat bans from the device that are associated with James' Apple ID. Detective Blay-Raffo located the email address [REDACTED] and password [REDACTED] in the keychains of the phone, and she located the username [REDACTED] in a note on the phone along with other account login information that James uses for other work applications.