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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION - CRIMINAL PART

State Grand Jury
Number SGJ756-21-12

Superior Court
Docket Number 21-6-86-S

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)

v.) INDICTMENT

JASON BERRY)

The Grand Jurors of and for the State of New Jersey, upon their oaths, present that:

COUNT ONE

Endangering the Welfare of Children (Manufacturing of Child Sexual Exploitation/Abuse Material-First Degree)

JASON BERRY

between on or about April 11, 2020, and on or about May 6, 2020, at the Borough of Keansburg, in the County of Monmouth, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did knowingly cause or permit a child, that is K.B, to engage in a prohibited sexual act or in the simulation of such an act or to be portrayed in a sexually suggestive manner, as defined by N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(1), knowing, having reason to know, or intending that the prohibited act may be photographed, filmed, reproduced or reconstructed in any manner, including on the

Internet, or may be part of an exhibition or performance, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(3), and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT TWO

Aggravated Sexual Assault (First Degree)

JASON BERRY

between on or about April 11, 2020, and on or about May 6, 2020, at the Borough of Keansburg, in the County of Monmouth, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did knowingly commit an act of sexual penetration upon K.B., using coercion, where K.B. sustained severe personal injury, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2a(6), and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT THREE

Theft By Extortion (Second Degree)

JASON BERRY

between on or about April 11, 2020, and on or about May 6, 2020, at the Borough of Keansburg, in the County of Monmouth, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did purposely and unlawfully obtain the property of another, specifically, sexually explicit photographs and videos of K.B., by purposely threatening to inflict bodily injury on K.B. and the family of K.B., contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A.

2C:20-5a, and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT FOUR

Endangering the Welfare of Children (Distribution of Child Sexual Exploitation/Abuse Material - Second Degree)

JASON BERRY

between on or about April 11, 2020, and on or about May 6, 2020, at the Borough of Keansburg, in the County of Monmouth, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did knowingly distribute one or more items depicting the sexual exploitation or abuse of a child, as defined by N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(1), contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(5)(a)(i), and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT FIVE

Endangering the Welfare of Children (Possession of Child Sexual Exploitation/Abuse Material, 100 or More Items - Third Degree)

JASON BERRY

between on or about April 11, 2020, and on or about May 6, 2020, at the Borough of Keansburg, in the County of Monmouth, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did knowingly possess, view, or have under his control, through any means, including the Internet, 100 or more items depicting the sexual exploitation or abuse of a child, as defined by N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(1), contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4b(5)(b)(iii), and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT SIX

Obscenity to Minors (Third Degree)

JASON BERRY

between on or about April 11, 2020, and on or about May 6, 2020, at the Borough of Keansburg, in the County of Monmouth, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did knowingly show obscene material, that is, one or more images and videos of his penis and explicit videos, to a person under 18 years of age, that is K.B., with the knowledge or purpose to arouse, gratify or stimulate himself or another, when JASON BERRY was at least four years older than the intended recipient, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:34-3b(2), and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

COUNT SEVEN

Endangering the Welfare of Children (Impairing/Debauching the Morals of a Child - Third Degree)

JASON BERRY

between on or about April 11, 2020, and on or about May 6, 2020, at the Borough of Keansburg, in the County of Monmouth, elsewhere, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did knowingly engage in conduct which would impair or debauch the morals of a child, that is K.B., contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a(1) and against the peace of this State, the government and dignity of the same.

Annmarie Taggart, Acting Director Division of Criminal Justice

A TRUE BILL:

Dated: 6/23/2021