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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

NATHANIEL SOLON,

Defendant.

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No. 07-CR-32-B

INSTRUCTION NO. 1

Members of the Jury:

Now that you have heard all of the evidence to be received in this trial and each of the arguments of counsel it becomes my duty to give you the final instructions of the Court as to the law that is applicable to this case and which will guide you in your decisions.

All of the instructions of law given to you by the Court -- those given to you at the beginning of the trial, those given to you during the trial, and these final instructions -- must guide and govern your deliberations.

It is your duty as jurors to follow the law as stated in all of the instructions of the Court and to apply these rules of law to the facts as you find them to be from the evidence received during the trial.

Counsel have quite properly referred to some of the applicable rules of law in their closing arguments to you. If, however, any difference appears to you between the law as stated by counsel and that as stated by the Court in these instructions, you, of course, are to be governed by the instructions given to you by the Court.

You are not to single out any one instruction alone as stating the law, but must consider the instructions as a whole in reaching your decisions.

Neither are you to be concerned with the wisdom of any rule of law stated by the Court. Regardless of any opinion you may have as to what the law ought to be, it would be a violation of your sworn duty to base any part of your verdict upon any other view or opinion of the law than that

given in these instructions of the Court just as it would be a violation of your sworn duty, as the judges of the facts, to base your verdict upon anything but the evidence received in the case.

You were chosen as juror for this trial in order to evaluate all of the evidence received and to decide each of the factual questions presented by the allegations brought by the United States in the Superseding Indictment and the pleas of not guilty by the Defendant.

In resolving the issues presented to you for decision in this trial you must not be persuaded by bias, prejudice, or sympathy for or against any of the parties to this case or by any public opinion.

Justice through trial by jury depends upon the willingness of each individual juror to seek the truth from the same evidence presented to all the jurors here in the courtroom to arrive at a verdict by applying the same rules of law as now being given to each of you in these instructions of the Court.

INSTRUCTION NO. 2

You, as jurors, are the sole and exclusive judges of the credibility of each of the witnesses called to testify in this case and only you determine the importance or the weight that their testimony deserves. After making your assessment concerning the credibility of a witness, you may decide to believe all of that witness's testimony, only a portion of it, or none of it.

In making your assessment of that witness, you should carefully scrutinize all of the testimony given by that witness, the circumstances under which each witness has testified, and all of the other evidence which tends to show whether a witness, in your opinion, is worthy of belief. Consider each witness's intelligence, motive to falsify, state of mind, and appearance and manner while on the witness stand. Consider the witness's ability to observe the matters as to which he or she has testified and consider whether he or she impresses you as having an accurate memory or recollection of these matters. Consider also any relation a witness may bear to either side of the case, the manner in which each witness might be affected by your verdict, and the extent to which, if at all, each witness is either supported or contradicted by other evidence in the case.

Inconsistencies or discrepancies in the testimony of a witness or between the testimony of different witnesses may or may not cause you to disbelieve or discredit such testimony. Two or more persons witnessing an incident or a transaction may simply see or hear it differently. Innocent misrecollection, like failure of recollection, is not an uncommon human experience. In weighing the effect of a discrepancy, however, always consider whether it pertains to a matter of importance or

an insignificant detail and consider whether the discrepancy results from innocent error or from intentional falsehood.

After making your own judgment or assessment concerning the believability of a witness, you can then attach such importance or weight to that testimony, if any, that you feel it deserves. You will then be in a position to decide whether the United States has proven the charges beyond a reasonable doubt.

The testimony of a defendant should be judged in the same manner as the testimony of any other witness.

INSTRUCTION NO. 3

There is nothing particularly different in the way that a juror should consider the evidence in a trial from that in which any reasonable and careful person would deal with any very important question that must be resolved by examining facts, opinions, and evidence. You are expected to use your good sense in considering and evaluating the evidence in the case. Use the evidence only for those purposes for which it has been received and to give such evidence a reasonable and fair construction in the light of your common knowledge of the natural tendencies and inclinations of human beings.

If a defendant be proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, say so. If not proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, say so.

Keep constantly in mind that it would be a violation of your sworn duty to base a verdict upon anything other than the evidence received in the case and the instructions of the Court. Remember as well that the law never imposes upon a defendant in a criminal case the burden or duty of calling any witnesses or producing any evidence because the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt is always with the United States.

INSTRUCTION NO. 4

The evidence in this case consists of the sworn testimony of the witnesses, regardless of who may have called them, all exhibits received in evidence, regardless of who may have produced them, all facts which may have been agreed to or stipulated, and all facts which may have been agreed to or stipulated, and all facts and events which may have been judicially noticed.

When the attorneys on both sides stipulate or agree as to the existence of a fact, you may accept the stipulation as evidence and regard that fact as proved. You are not required to do so, however, since you are the sole judge of the facts.

The Court has taken judicial notice of certain facts or events. When the Court declares that it has taken judicial notice of some fact or event, you may accept the Court's declaration as evidence and regard as proved the fact or event which has been judicially noticed. You are not required to do so, however, since you are the sole judge of the facts.

Any proposed testimony or proposed exhibit to which an objection was sustained by the Court and any testimony or exhibit ordered stricken by the Court, must be entirely disregarded.

Anything you may have seen or heard outside the courtroom is not proper evidence and must be entirely disregarded.

Questions, objections, statements, and arguments of counsel are not evidence in the case, unless made as an admission or stipulation of fact.

You are to base your verdict only on the evidence received in the case. In your consideration of the evidence received, however, you are not limited to the bald statements of the witnesses or to

the bald assertions in the exhibits. In other words, you are not limited solely to what you see and hear as the witnesses testify or as the exhibits are admitted. You are permitted to draw from the facts which you find have been proved such reasonable inferences as you feel are justified in the light of your experience and common sense.

INSTRUCTION NO. 5

Inferences are simply deductions or conclusions which reason and common sense lead the jury to draw from the evidence received in the case.

INSTRUCTION NO. 6

There are two types of evidence which are generally presented during a trial -- direct evidence and circumstantial evidence. Direct evidence is the testimony of a person who asserts or claims to have actual knowledge of a fact, such as an eyewitness. Circumstantial evidence is proof of a chain of facts and circumstances indicating the existence of a fact. The law makes no distinction between the weight or value to be given to either direct or circumstantial evidence. Nor is a greater degree of certainty required of circumstantial evidence than of direct evidence. You should weigh all the evidence in the case.

INSTRUCTION NO. 7

If any reference by the Court or by counsel to matters of testimony or exhibits does not coincide with your own recollection of that evidence, it is your recollection which should control during your deliberations and not the statements of the Court or of counsel.

You are the sole judges of the evidence received in this case.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 8

The rules of evidence ordinarily do not permit witnesses to testify as to their own opinions or their own conclusions about important questions in a trial. An exception to this rule exists as to those witnesses who are described as "expert witnesses." An "expert witness" is someone who, by education or by experience, may have become knowledgeable in some technical, scientific, or very specialized area. If such knowledge or experience may be of assistance to you in understanding some of the evidence or in determining a fact, an "expert witness" in that area may state an opinion as to a matter in which he or she claims to be an expert.

You should consider each expert opinion received in evidence in this case and give it such weight as you may think it deserves. You should consider the testimony of expert witnesses just as you consider other evidence in this case. If you should decide that the opinion of an expert witness is not based upon sufficient education or experience, or if you should conclude that the reasons given in support of the opinion are not sound, or if you should conclude that the opinion is outweighed by other evidence, you may disregard the opinion in part or in its entirety.

As I have told you several times, you -- the jury -- are the sole judges of the facts of this case.

INSTRUCTION NO. 9

The United States has the burden of proving the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of the crimes charged. Some of you may have served as jurors in civil cases, where you were told that it is only necessary to prove that a fact is more likely true than not true. In criminal cases, the United States' proof must be more powerful than that. It must be beyond a reasonable doubt.

Proof beyond a reasonable doubt is proof that leaves you firmly convinced of the defendant's guilt. There are very few things in this world that we know with absolute certainty, and in criminal cases the law does not require proof that overcomes every possible doubt. If, based on your consideration of the evidence, you are firmly convinced that the defendant is guilty of the crimes charged, you must find him guilty. If on the other hand, you think there is a real possibility that he is not guilty, you must give him the benefit of the doubt, and find him not guilty.

INSTRUCTION NO. 10

Your decision on the facts of this case should not be determined by the number of witnesses testifying for or against a party. You should consider all the facts and circumstances in evidence to determine which of the witnesses you choose to believe or not believe. You may find that the testimony of a smaller number of witnesses on one side is more credible than the testimony of a greater number of witnesses on the other side.

INSTRUCTION NO. 11

The testimony of a witness may be discredited or, as we sometimes say, impeached by showing that he or she previously made statements which are different than or inconsistent with his or her testimony here in court. The earlier inconsistent or contradictory statements are admissible only to discredit or impeach the credibility of the witness and not to establish the truth of these earlier statements made somewhere other than here during this trial. It is the province of the jury to determine the credibility of a witness who has made prior inconsistent or contradictory statements.

If a person is shown to have knowingly testified falsely concerning any important or material matter, you obviously have a right to distrust the testimony of such an individual concerning other matters. You may reject all of the testimony of that witness or give it such weight or credibility as you may think it deserves.

JURY INSTRUCTION NO. 12

The intent of a person or the knowledge that a person possesses at any given time may not ordinarily be proved directly because there is no way of directly scrutinizing the workings of the human mind. In determining the issue of what a person knew or what a person intended at a particular time, you may consider any statements made or acts done or acts omitted by that person and all other facts and circumstances received in evidence which may aid in your determination of that person's knowledge or intent.

You may infer, but you are certainly not required to infer, that a person intends the natural and probable consequences of acts knowingly done or knowingly omitted. It is entirely up to you, however, to decide what facts to find from the evidence received during this trial.

INSTRUCTION NO. 13

A defendant in a criminal case has an absolute right under our Constitution not to testify. The fact that a defendant did not testify must not be discussed or considered in any way when deliberating and in arriving at your verdict. No inference of any kind may be drawn from the fact that a defendant decided to exercise his privilege under the Constitution and did not testify.

As stated before, the law never imposes upon a defendant in a criminal case the burden or duty of calling any witnesses or of producing any evidence.

INSTRUCTION NO. 14

Count one of the Superseding Indictment charges that on or about September 20, 2006, in the District of Wyoming, the Defendant, **NATHANIEL SOLON**, did knowingly possess a Maxtor Hard Drive, serial number Y35609QE, containing digital images of child pornography, said digital images including but not limited to an image entitled “PTHC] Porn _BB Sex_Not Yet 2yos Masturbation Aid_Baby Girl Spreads WIDE For Sex Relief-Infants Pretty Cunt Illegally Fellated By Understanding Pedo Mom !! _2.16.mpg” said image being produced using materials, including the Maxtor Hard Drive, that was mailed, or shipped, or transported in interstate or foreign commerce.

INSTRUCTION NO. 15

The charge contained in Count One of the Superseding Indictment is based upon a statute which is federal law, Title 18 United States Code, Section 2252A, which reads in pertinent part as follows:

(a) Any person who –

(5) either –

(B) knowingly possesses any book, magazine, periodical, film, videotape, computer disk, or any other material that contains an image of child pornography that has been mailed, or shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, or that was produced using materials that have been mailed, or shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, shall be punished according to law...

INSTRUCTION NO. 16

In order to sustain its burden of proof for the crime of possessing material containing digital images of child pornography as charged in Count One of the Superseding Indictment the government must prove the following four essential elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

1. On or about September 20, 2006;
2. The Defendant, **Nathaniel Solon**;
3. Did knowingly possess a Maxtor Hard Drive, serial number Y35609QE, containing digital images of child pornography;
4. Said images having been produced using materials that have been mailed or shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce.

If the government fails to prove any of these elements by proof beyond a reasonable doubt, you should find the defendant not guilty.

If, on the other hand, the government proves each of the elements by proof beyond a reasonable doubt, you should find the defendant guilty.

_____ **INSTRUCTION NO. 17** _____

The word “possess” means to own or to exert control over. The word “possession” can take on several different, but related, meanings.

The law recognizes two kind of “possession” – actual possession and constructive possession. A person who knowingly has direct physical control over a thing at a given time is then in actual possession of it. A person who, although not in actual possession, knowingly has both the power and the intention at any given time to exercise dominion or control over a thing, either directly or through another person or persons, is then in constructive possession of it.

The law recognizes also that “possession” may be sole or joint. If one person alone has actual or constructive possession of a thing, then possession is sole. If two or more persons share actual or constructive possession of a thing, then possession is joint.

You may find that the element of “possession” as that term is used in these instructions is present if you find beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant had actual or constructive possession, either alone or jointly with others.

INSTRUCTION NO. 18

The charge contained in Count Two of the Superseding Indictment is based upon a statute which is federal law, Title 18 United States Code, Sections 2252A(a)(2)(A), which reads in pertinent part as follows:

(a) Any person who –

(2) knowingly receives . . . [or attempts to receive]–

(A) any child pornography that has been mailed, or shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce by any means, including by computer...

shall be punished

INSTRUCTION NO. 19

In order to sustain its burden of proof for the crime of knowingly attempting to distribute child pornography as charged in Count One of the Indictment the government must prove the following essential elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

1. On or about September 20, 2006;
2. The defendant, **Nathaniel Solon**;
3. Did knowingly attempt to receive child pornography, to-wit: download one or more digital image files depicting children engaged in sexually explicit conduct;
4. Said digital image(s) having been mailed, or shipped, or transported in interstate commerce, to-wit: via the internet using a computer.

If the government fails to prove any of these elements by proof beyond a reasonable doubt, you should find the defendant not guilty.

If, on the other hand, the government proves each of the elements by proof beyond a reasonable doubt, you should find the Defendant guilty.

INSTRUCTION NO. 20

The term "to distribute", as used in these instructions, means to deliver or to transfer possession or control of something from one person to another.

INSTRUCTION NO. 21

The term “knowingly”, as used in these instructions to describe the alleged state of mind of the defendant, means that he was conscious and aware of his action, realized what he was doing or what was happening around him, and did not act because of ignorance, mistake, or accident.

INSTRUCTION NO. 22

“Child pornography” is defined by Title 18 United States Code, Section 2256(8) as:

Any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, where

- (A) the production of such visual depiction involves the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct;
- (B) such visual depiction is a digital image, computer image, or computer-generated image that is, or is indistinguishable from, that of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or
- (C) such visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

INSTRUCTION NO. 23

A “minor” is defined by Title 18 United States Code, Section 2256(1) as any person under the age of eighteen years.

INSTRUCTION NO. 24

“Sexually explicit conduct” is defined by Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2) as actual or simulated –

- (A) sexual intercourse, including genital-genital, oral-genital, anal-genital, or oral-anal, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex;
- (B) bestiality;
- (C) masturbation;
- (D) sadistic or masochistic abuse; or
- (E) lascivious exhibition of the genitals or pubic area of any person.

INSTRUCTION NO. 25

The term “visual depiction” includes undeveloped film and videotape, and data stored on computer disk or by electronic means which is capable of conversion into a visual image.

INSTRUCTION NO. 26

In determining whether a visual depiction of minor constitutes a “lascivious exhibition of the genitals or pubic area,” the trier of fact may consider whether the focal point of the visual depiction is on child’s genital or pubic area, whether the setting of the visual depiction is sexually suggestive, whether the child is depicted in unnatural pose, or in inappropriate attire, considering age, whether the child is fully or partially clothed, whether the visual depiction suggests sexual coyness or willingness to engage in sexual activity, and whether the visual depiction is designed to elicit a sexual response in the viewer, together with other evidence bearing upon this issue. The visual depiction need not involve all factors to be lascivious, and determination will be made based on overall content of depiction.

INSTRUCTION NO. 27

Interstate commerce means commerce or travel between one state the United States and another state of the United States. Commerce includes travel, trade, transportation and communication.

If you decide that there was any effect at all on interstate commerce, then that is enough to satisfy this element. The Government may meet its burden of proof on the question of being in or affecting commerce by proving to you, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the Maxtor Hard Drive identified in the Superseding Indictment, at any time, had traveled across a state boundary line.

INSTRUCTION NO. 28

The Defendant has plead "Not-Guilty" to the charges contained in the Superseding Indictment. This plea of not guilty puts in issue each of the essential elements of the offenses as described in these instructions, and imposes on the United States the burden of establishing each of these elements by proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

INSTRUCTION NO. 29

The Superseding Indictment charges that the offenses alleged were committed "on or between" or "on or about" a certain date.

Although it is necessary for the United States to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the offenses were committed on a date reasonably near the dates alleged in the Superseding Indictment, it is not necessary for the United States to prove that the offenses were committed precisely on the dates charged.

INSTRUCTION NO. 30

The questions asked by a lawyer for either party to this case are not evidence. If a lawyer asks a question of a witness which contains an assertion of fact, therefore, you may not consider the assertion by the lawyer as any evidence of that fact. Only the answers are evidence.

INSTRUCTION NO. 31

Upon retiring to your jury room to begin your deliberations, you must elect one of your members to act as your presiding juror. The presiding juror will preside over your deliberations and will be your spokesperson here in court.

Your verdict must represent the collective judgment of the jury. In order to return a verdict, it is necessary that each juror agree to it. Your verdict, in other words, must be unanimous.

It is your duty as jurors to consult with one another and to deliberate with one another with a view towards reaching an agreement if you can do so without violence to individual judgment. Each of you must decide the case for himself and herself, but do so only after an impartial consideration of the evidence in the case with your fellow jurors. In the course of your deliberations, do not hesitate to reexamine your own views and to change your opinion if convinced it is erroneous. Do not surrender your honest conviction, however, solely because of the opinion of your fellow jurors or for the mere purpose of returning a verdict.

Remember at all times that you are not partisans. You are the judges--judges of the facts of this case. Your sole interest is to seek the truth from the evidence received during the trial.

Your verdict must be based solely upon the evidence received in the case. Nothing you have seen or read outside of court may be considered. Nothing that I have said or done during the course of this trial is intended in any way to somehow suggest to you what I think your verdict should be. Nothing said in these instructions and nothing in any form of verdict prepared for your convenience is to suggest or convey to you in any way or manner any intimation as to what verdict I think you

should return. What the verdict shall be is the exclusive duty and responsibility of the jury. As I have told you many times, you are the sole judges of the facts.

The punishment provided by law for the offenses charged in the Superseding Indictment is a matter exclusively within the province of the Court and should never be considered by the jury in any way in arriving at an impartial verdict as to the offenses charged.

A verdict form has been prepared for your convenience.

You will take this form to the jury room and, when you have reached unanimous agreement as to your verdicts, you will have your presiding juror write your verdicts, date and sign the form, and then return with your verdicts to the courtroom.

If it becomes necessary during your deliberations to communicate with the Court, you may send a note, signed by your foreperson or by one or more members of the jury, through the bailiff. No member of the jury should ever attempt to communicate with the Court by any means other than a signed writing and the Court will never communicate with any member of the jury concerning the evidence, your opinions, or the deliberations other than in writing or orally here in open court.

You will note from the oath about to be taken by the bailiff that he, too, as well as all other persons, is forbidden to communicate in any way or manner with any member of the jury on any subject touching the merits of the case.

Bear in mind also that you are never to reveal to any person--not even to the Court--how the jury stands, numerically or otherwise, on the question of whether or not the government has sustained its burden of proof until after you have reached a unanimous verdict.

