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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO. 8:22-cr-244-TPB-SPF

CHRISTIAN ANDREW KLINE

**PLEA AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c), the United States of America, by Roger B. Handberg, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, and the defendant, CHRISTIAN ANDREW KLINE, and the attorney for the defendant, Kathleen Sweeney, mutually agree as follows:

**A. Particularized Terms**

1. Count(s) Pleading To

The defendant shall enter a plea of guilty to Count One of the Information. Count One charges the defendant with distribution of child pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252(a)(2) and (b)(1).

2. Minimum and Maximum Penalties

Count One is punishable by a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 15 years up to 40 years, a maximum fine of \$250,000, a term of supervised release of not less than 5 years up to life, and a special assessment of \$100 per felony count for individuals. With respect to certain offenses, the Court shall order the defendant to make restitution to any victim of the offense(s), and with respect to other offenses,

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the Court may order the defendant to make restitution to any victim of the offense(s), or to the community, as set forth below.

Additionally, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3014, the Court shall impose a \$5,000 special assessment on any non-indigent defendant convicted of an offense in violation of certain enumerated statutes involving: (1) peonage, slavery, and trafficking in persons; (2) sexual abuse; (3) sexual exploitation and other abuse of children; (4) transportation for illegal sexual activity; or (5) human smuggling in violation of the Immigration and Nationality Act (exempting any individual involved in the smuggling of an alien who is the alien's spouse, parent, son or daughter).

3. Elements of the Offense(s)

The defendant acknowledges understanding the nature and elements of the offense(s) with which defendant has been charged and to which defendant is pleading guilty. The elements of Count One are:

- First: the defendant knowingly distributed a visual depiction;
- Second: the depiction was shipped or transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce or shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce;
- Third: producing the visual depiction involved using a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct;
- Fourth: the depiction is of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct;

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Fifth: the defendant knew that at least one performer in the visual depiction was a minor and knew that the depiction showed the minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

4. Indictment Waiver

Defendant will waive the right to be charged by way of indictment before a federal grand jury.

5. No Further Charges

If the Court accepts this plea agreement, the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida agrees not to charge defendant with committing any other federal criminal offenses known to the United States Attorney's Office at the time of the execution of this agreement.

6. Mandatory Restitution to Victim of Offense of Conviction

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2259 defendant agrees to make full restitution to known victims of the offense for the full amount of the victims' losses as determined by the Court. Further, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(d)(5), the defendant agrees not to oppose bifurcation of the sentencing hearing if the victims' losses are not ascertainable prior to sentencing.

7. Restitution to Persons Other Than the Victim of the Offense of Conviction - Agreed Upon Amount

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663(a)(3) and/or 3663A(a)(3), defendant agrees to make restitution to other known victims at the time of sentencing for the full amount of the victims' losses as determined by the Court.

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