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NEW: D.C. Police arrested Ruben Verastigui -- a former "senior digital strategist" for the Senate Republican Conference -- on charges of distribution of child pornography resulting from a time span that allegedly included his time at the SRC. How I confirmed ID in thread (1/?)

Metropolitan Police Department

**Arrest Made in a Distribution of Child Pornography Offense**

Friday, February 5, 2021

Detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department's Youth and Family Services Division, Internet Crimes Against Children Unit, the Northern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and Homeland Security Investigations announce an arrest has been made in a Distribution of Child Pornography offense that occurred in Washington, DC.

Between **March 2020 and February 2021**, an investigation revealed the suspect distributed, received and possessed images of child pornography.

On Friday, February 5, 2021, **27 year-old Ruben Verastigui**, of Northeast, DC, was arrested and charged with **Distribution of Child Pornography**.

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CCN #21015923 - Event # 23015823 Public Incident Packet Metropolitan Police Department

**CCN #21015923 - PUBLIC INCIDENT REPORT**

REPORT DATE/TIME: Feb 05, 2021 10:06	OFFENSE TYPE: Fifth District / 501	EVENT START DATE / TIME: 02/05/2021 06:55	EVENT END DATE / TIME: Feb 05, 2021 10:00	INCIDENT STATUS:
REPORTING OFFICER: Thomas Sullivan (99000) -MPD	WEATHER:			
APPROXIMATE OFFENSE-START TIME:				
TELETYPE DATE / TIME:	RELATIVE #:	PERSON NOTICED AT TELETYPE:	SHOTS FIRED:	SUITS EFFECT:
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

**OFFENSE #1 - 21015923**

OFFENSE: **Distribute/Child Pornography Has Been Mailed/Air/Transported (18 USC 2252A(2A))** OFFENSE COMPLETION:  COMPLETED  ATTEMPTED

OFFENSE CASE STATUS: **Cleared By Arrest (Feb 05, 2021)**

OFFENSE LOCATION: **HIGHLINE UNION MARKET APARTMENTS / THE HIGHLINE AT UNION MARKET, 320 FLORIDA AVENUE NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20002 Unit: E21 Type: Residence/ Home Public/Private: Private PSA: 501 District: Fifth District**

LOCATION TYPE: **Residence/ Home** POSITION (BYLINE, FRONT, REAR, SIDE): **Inside**

LOCATION DESCRIPTION:

AGGRAVATED WEAPON FACTORS/WEAPON FACTORS: OFFENSE PROPERTIES: **Child Abuse**

FAIR BUSINESS/NOTIFICATION:

INFORMATION PROVIDED:

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES: **Distribute/ Selling**

PROSECUTION:  YES  NO F/P PROVIDED: SECURITY SYSTEM:  YES  NO

INVESTIGATOR MARKING/CHECKED/CONFIRMED: BUILDING DAMAGED/LOST:

**OFFENSE #2 - 21015923**

OFFENSE: **Possess Material That Contain Image Of Child Pornography Been Mailed (18 USC 2252A(5))** OFFENSE COMPLETION:  COMPLETED  ATTEMPTED

OFFENSE CASE STATUS: **Cleared By Arrest (Feb 05, 2021)**

OFFENSE LOCATION: **HIGHLINE UNION MARKET APARTMENTS / THE HIGHLINE AT UNION MARKET, 320 FLORIDA AVENUE NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20002 Unit: E21 Type: Residence/ Home Public/Private: Private PSA: 501 District: Fifth District**

LOCATION TYPE: **Residence/ Home** POSITION (BYLINE, FRONT, REAR, SIDE): **Inside**

LOCATION DESCRIPTION:

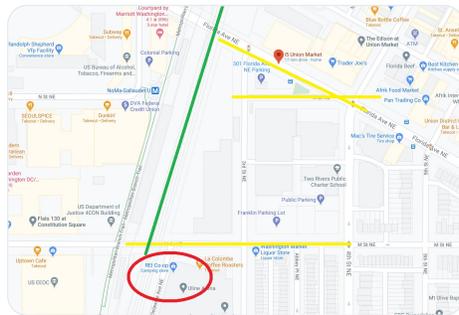
**Ruben A. Verastigui**  
Communications Manager at Citizens For Responsible Energy Solutions

**Experience**

- Communications Manager**  
Citizens For Responsible Energy Solutions  
Jul 2020 - Present · 8 mos
- United States Senate**  
2 yrs 1 mo
  - Senior Digital Strategist, Senate Republican Conference**  
Mar 2019 - Jul 2020 · 1 yr 5 mos  
Chairman John Barrasso (R-WV) @SenateGOP
  - Digital Director, United States Congress Joint Economic Committee**  
Jul 2018 - Mar 2019 · 9 mos  
Washington, District Of Columbia  
Chairman Erik Paulsen (R-MN) @IECRepublicans
- Senior Designer**  
Republican National Committee  
May 2017 - Jul 2018 · 1 yr 3 mos  
Washington D.C. Metro Area
  - Designed political ads for local and national campaigns
  - Created branded materials for RNC strategic initiatives
  - Strategized and executed opposition ads for media platforms
  - Produced photoshoots and videos for web campaigns

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First off: Verastigui is a unique name, limiting search. Second, on Instagram, Verastigui posted a story from his "new home" that include a shot out his window. Location matching places his "home" near the arrest address. I ID'd the notable items in his post. (2/?)

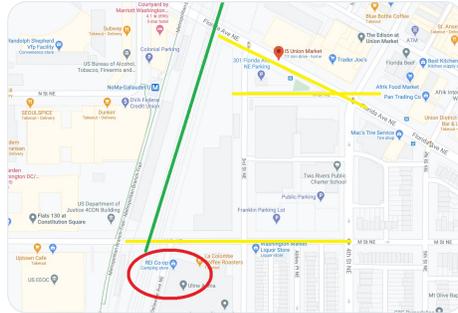


To confirm, I compared the image to street view of the area. I used to live in that part of town and I knew this block has been under seemingly indefinite construction. (3/?)



And because I fear more than anything incorrectly ID'ing someone charged with a serious crime, I made sure the apartment in the incident report had a sightline

matching Verastigui's "new home" view. It did. (4/?)



Verastigui's Instagram puts him at the Trump White House and inside U.S Congress on multiple occasions. His employment is currently listed online as a comms person for a right-leaning environmental advocacy organization.

(/End thread)

Content warning from here on out. I've been shown the criminal complain. I'm going to share some excerpts. They are graphic and disturbing.

Verastigui allegedly said in a group chat that he was into images of \*babies\* being sexually abused. (CW: disturbing language)

6. A review of the group chat conducted by HSI Special Agent Fry revealed Verastigui had a chat conversation with S-1<sup>2</sup> on or about April 13, 2020. A portion of the chat conversation is as follows:

S-1: So you like babies, huh

Verastigui<sup>3</sup>: my absolute favorite

S-1: Fuck yeah. How dark are you? What are u into?

Verastigui: Well like I said babies are some of my biggest turn-ons and beast

Verastigui: Young rape...

Verastigui: Fuck I love all that

Verastigui: I have been wanting to see videos of guys hardcore rapping a baby..when a baby screams it's my favorite

Verastigui: I've lost a lot of videos so only have one I've been jerking off to.

S-1: Which one?

Verastigui: The ginger guy fucked the baby...have any good ones?

Verastigui allegedly requested that someone join him in Washington, D.C., to sexually abuse a minor. (CW: disturbing language)

S-1 sends Verastigui a few additional video files also depicting during this chat conversation. Your affiant viewed a screen print of the video files and determined the videos contained child pornography. One of the videos as depicts an infant/toddler and an adult male. The adult male puts his erect penis on the infant/toddler's mouth and lips. During this chat conversation, Verastigui requests that S-1 come to DC for the purpose of sexually abusing a minor.

10. On or about April 14, 2020, S-1 and Verastigui had another chat conversation. During this chat conversation S-1 sent Verastigui approximately nine (9) video files. Your affiant viewed screen prints of these video files and determined the video files depict child pornography. One of the video files depicts an infant/toddler who is anally raped by an adult male.

Perhaps the most disturbing thing about Verastigui's arrest is that in years predating these criminal allegations he worked at pro-life movement organizations including March for Life, Students for Life America, Live Action and Susan B Anthony List, according to his LinkedIn.

Obviously this is not what I meant. It's disturbing context. Trying to "own" someone who exposed a pro-life movement figure as an criminally alleged pedophile says more about the person trying to dunk than it does me.



**K Fitton** @KelFitton

After providing the horrific vile details of a child porn criminal complaint, Jared Holt finds "the most disturbing thing" to be the context of the person's conservative political affiliations. smh

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Replying to @jaredholt

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