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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA §

v. §

SAMUEL B. KENT §

Defendant. §

CRIMINAL NO. §

08-598

Count One: 18 U.S.C. § 2244(b)

Count Two: 18 U.S.C. §
2241(a)(1)

Count Three: 18 U.S.C. § 2244(b)

INDICTMENT

The grand jury charges:

INTRODUCTION

At all times relevant to this indictment:

1. Defendant SAMUEL B. KENT was a United States District Judge in the Southern District of Texas. From 1990 to 2008, defendant KENT was assigned to the Galveston Division of the Southern District, and his chambers and courtroom were located in the United States Post Office and Courthouse in Galveston, Texas.
2. Person A was an employee of the Office of the Clerk of Court for the Southern District of Texas, and served as a Deputy Clerk in the Galveston Division assigned to defendant KENT's courtroom.

COUNT ONE
(18 U.S.C. § 2244(b))
Abusive Sexual Contact

3. On or about August 29, 2003, in the Southern District of Texas, in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, defendant

SAMUEL B. KENT

did knowingly engage in sexual contact with another person without that other person's permission, to wit: defendant KENT, at the United States Post Office and Courthouse in Galveston, Texas, did engage in the intentional touching, both directly and through the clothing, of the groin, breast, inner thigh, and buttocks of Person A with an intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, and arouse and gratify the sexual desire of Person A.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2244(b).

COUNT TWO
(18 U.S.C. § 2241(a)(1))
Attempted Aggravated Sexual Abuse

4. On or about March 23, 2007, in the Southern District of Texas, in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, defendant

SAMUEL B. KENT

did knowingly attempt to cause another person to engage in a sexual act by

using force against that other person, to wit: defendant KENT, at the United States Post Office and Courthouse in Galveston, Texas, attempted to cause Person A to engage in contact between Person A's mouth and defendant KENT's penis by forcing Person A's head towards defendant KENT's groin area.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2241(a)(1).

COUNT THREE
(18 U.S.C. § 2244(b))
Abusive Sexual Contact

5. On or about March 23, 2007, in the Southern District of Texas, in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, defendant

SAMUEL B. KENT

did knowingly engage in sexual contact with another person without that other person's permission, to wit: defendant KENT, at the United States Post Office and Courthouse in Galveston, Texas, did engage in the intentional touching, both directly and through the clothing, of the groin, breast, inner thigh, and buttocks of Person A with an intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, and arouse and gratify the sexual desire of Person A.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2244(b).

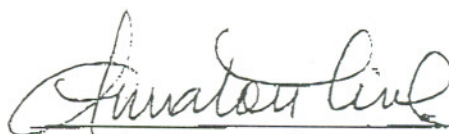
A true bill.

ORIGINAL SIGNATURE ON FILE

By: _____
Grand Jury Foreperson

WILLIAM M. WELCH II
Chief, Public Integrity Section

By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ainsworth", written over a horizontal line.

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