## NYPD officer charged with kiddie porn after making teens send him violent sexual videos on social media

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An NYPD officer is accused of using social media to convince four dozen preteens and teenagers to send him nude pictures and masturbation videos, federal prosecutors said Thursday.

Not only did Carmine Simpson solicit child porn from his victims, in some cases he urged them to hurt themselves, said he wanted to carve into their flesh and claimed to be into "gun play," a criminal complaint said.

Simpson, 27, who was off-duty during his alleged crimes told one of the victims, "I literally want to hold a gun to a girls head and tell her 'this better be the best orgasm of my life or I'll blow your brains out," prosecutors said.

The Brooklyn cop used Twitter to connect with 46 kids between 13 and 17 years old from April to November 2020, the feds charge. He also moved the conversations from Twitter to Snapchat, TikTok or Discord and would try to FaceTime the kids for video sex, prosecutors said. Simpson allegedly got 18 sexually explicit photos and 33 videos on Twitter alone.

"The defendant verbally abused children online, encouraged those children to physically abuse themselves, and intentionally persuaded numerous minors to produce sexually explicit photographs and videos of themselves and send them to him via the internet," wrote Assistant U.S. Attorney Megan Farrell in court papers.

"Most disturbingly, the defendant was not only verbally abusive but he also encouraged certain victims to engage in destructive behavior, such as cutting themselves with a knife, choking themselves with belts and hitting themselves."

One of those was a 15-year-old girl who sent Simpson about 50 files, including videos of her tightening a belt around her neck while masturbating, the feds said.

"I like watching you choke yourself," the cop messaged her.

In September, he told one 13-year-old, "Babygirl dont stop... Keep the videos coming for me," after he convinced her to penetrate herself with a hairbrush and record it.

Simpson also allegedly asked a 13-year-old transgender child and to slap and gag themself and draw on their body with marker.

He told other children that he wanted to carve words into their skin, prosecutors revealed.

Simpson joined the NYPD in October 2018 and is assigned to the 75th Precinct in East New York. He is charged with production of child pornography and faces a mandatory minimum of 15 years in prison if convicted.

Long Island Federal Court judge Kathleen Tomlinson ordered Simpson detained without bail Thursday, citing the "overwhelming" evidence and "violence" against children.

"His level of dangerousness to the community is not going to be overcome by allowing him to live at home," she said. "It's already occurred in the house with the parents there. He's been living there."

Simpson won't be back at work in the community anytime soon.

"The allegations in this case are reprehensible," a department spokesman said. "The officer involved has been immediately suspended without pay. The NYPD has zero tolerance for any officer who would endanger children or betray his oath in such a manner."