

STATE OF WISCONSIN

-vs-

Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2010WK008672
Assigned DA/ADA: Debra L. Blasius
Agency Case No.: 10PEWV10190
Court Case No.:
ATN:

Ronald R Houswerth
18 Becker St #2
Rothschild, WI 54474
DOB: 03/03/1968
Sex/Race: M/W
Eye Color: Blue
Hair Color: Black
Height: 5 ft 10 in
Weight: 150 lbs
Alias:

Criminal Complaint

Defendant,

Detective Craig Drummy, of the Pewaukee Village Police Department, being first duly sworn on oath, upon information and belief, states that:

Count 1: USE OF A COMPUTER TO FACILITATE A CHILD SEX CRIME

The above-named defendant between the approximate time period of October 31, 2010 and December 2, 2010, at the approximate location of 235 Hickory Street, in the Village of Pewaukee, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, did use a computerized communication system to communicate with an individual who the actor believed or had reason to believe had not attained the age of 16 years with intent to have sexual contact or sexual intercourse with the individual in violation of s. 948.02 (1) or (2), contrary to sec. 948.075(1r), 939.50(3)(c) Wis. Stats., a Class C Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than forty (40) years, or both.

And furthermore, invoking the provisions of Wisconsin Statute Section 939.617, upon conviction the Court shall impose a bifurcated sentence including a term of initial confinement for at least five years. The Court may impose a sentence less than five years or place the person on probation upon a finding on the record that the Court finds the lesser sentence is in the best interests of the community and the public will not be harmed.

PROBABLE CAUSE:

And prays that the defendant be dealt with according to law; that the basis for complainant's charge of such offense is: based upon reports from Officers of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department whom complainant believes to be truthful and reliable.

Officer Brian Foth of the Village of Pewaukee Police Department indicates that while conducting undercover online chats he began to chat with a suspect later identified as Ronald Houswerth and the suspect did engage in a total of 16 chats between the dates of October 31, 2010 and December 2, 2010. Through the 16 chats the defendant also sent a total of 17 pictures which he indicated were pictures of his penis. In four of the pictures the suspect's face was clearly visible and the defendant also exposed his penis on direct webcam while he masturbated himself.

Said reports indicates that Officer Foth was working at the Village of Pewaukee Police Department at 235 Hickory in the Village of Pewaukee and while conducting reactive investigation for online predators in the technology room, he used the screen name of brookegurl14@yahoo.com. Officer Foth indicates that while in a yahoo chat room an individual did post an instant message stating "hey Brooke." A chat began to take place within the first eight minutes and Foth did indicate he was a 14 year old female. The subject, later identified as the defendant, advised that he was a 40 year old male and they agreed to chat. Foth indicates he did send the defendant a photo of a 14 year old female indicating that was the person he was chatting with. The subject then asked if Brooke wanted to see something that he had to share and when she asked what he meant by that he said "a picture of my cock." After a couple minutes the subject did send a clear picture of his penis and then asked for a picture of her "clit." The defendant indicated that he had previously used a webcam with a girl who had gotten into trouble with her parents and her name was Nikki and he believed she was 12 years old. Before ending the conversation the subject stated his first name was Ron.

On November 1, 2010 a second chat took place with the individual using the same screen name he had used during the first chat. The defendant asked for naked pictures of her stating that he had sent her some dirty ones so she should at least send one back. The subject also made reference to her young age stating that he had previously talked to another young female however thought that the previous young one got busted for doing something she shouldn't have. The defendant indicated that Nikki had exchanged pictures of herself and her younger cousin on a webcam video in a pornographic act. The subject indicated he was currently receiving social security because of a previous back injury involving an auto accident. The subject stated he lived in the Wausau area in a town called Rothschild. The defendant stated he was getting a new car on November 17th and indicated this would be a burgundy colored Chevy Monte Carlo.

Said reports indicate a third conversation occurred on November 2, 2010 where the subject repeatedly asked Brooke to sent him nude pictures and did stated he believed it was sexy that she was looking at the nude pictures he had previously sent to Brooke. Subject went on to stated he wanted a picture of her with her legs open and her finger in her vagina and wanted to see her "titties." The subject also stated his penis was only five inches long and that the average penis was between eight and ten inches long. The subject further stated he loved to receive oral sex and loved to "lick pussy."

Another conversation occurred on November 5, 2010 at which time the subject activated his webcam and again repeatedly asked to view Brooke on webcam. The subject also asked for Brooke to e-mail him so he did provide his e-mail address. The subject also asked Brooke to have her mother buy a cell so they could speak and text each other.

On November 6, 2010 another conversation occurred with Ronald H. which only lasted about 13 minutes.

On November 8, 2010 another conversation occurred and the subject again activated his webcam and Officer Foth observed the defendant smoking what appeared to be cigarettes. The subject stated he did not smoke cigarettes however did smoke dope. The subject stated he was currently smoking dope and regularly smoked marijuana. Subject then made reference to traveling to the Pewaukee area and would properly show Brooke how to smoke marijuana.

On November 12, 2010 another conversation occurred with Ronald H. and he stated that he had liked the thought of Brooke looking at the pictures he sent, throughout the course of the conversation the subject again smoked marijuana on webcam and engaged in conversation about coming to

Pewaukee to meet up with Brooke. He briefly discussed hotels in the Waukesha area and the subject asked if Brooke wanted to see his penis on webcam.

On November 13, 2010 another conversation occurred with Ronald H. and it was again discussed that the defendant would possibly come to the Pewaukee area to see Brooke. When Brooke told the subject she was again looking at the nude pictures he said "don't let your mom catch you."

On November 14, 2010 the defendant explained what a wet dream was and talked about oral sex again. The subject then asked specific questions about Brooke's vagina and stated it had to be cleanly shaven and clean. The subject stated that if he did come to Pewaukee he asked permission to take pictures of Brooke naked. It was decided they would discuss at a later date the specifics of when the subject came to Pewaukee to see Brooke.

On November 19, 2010 another conversation occurred and the subject spoke in a sexual nature and made reference to how he enjoyed watching pornographic videos when he got horny and offered the name of a website where Brooke would be able to view pornographic materials.

On November 22, 2010 another conversation occurred and he again discussed how the defendant liked females to shave their vaginas. Subject stated he wanted to come to Pewaukee to meet with her but stated he would have to think about it because "you know I could be put away for seeing you." The defendant indicated he could go to jail and asked questions of where Brooke would be staying the first weekend in December. Officer Foth advised using Brooke's name that Brooke would be staying at her dad's house and he would be out of town leaving her home alone. The subject asked specific questions about where her father lived and stated that it would be better to get a hotel because neighbors might see him at her dad's house and if the subject came to Pewaukee he stated "I wouldn't mind eating you out though." The subject also stated "and do you think I might get you to suck me?"

On November 28, 2010 the subject stated he had never met anyone her age and that when he did come to Pewaukee he would take her out to dinner and then following dinner they would watch a movie and she should wear pajamas. The subject stated he wanted to cuddle with her during the movie in order to keep her warm. The subject stated he would be in Pewaukee around 3:00 pm and would also leave his phone number so she would be able to call him when her parents left.

On December 1, 2010 the defendant discussed coming to Pewaukee and he was feeling uncomfortable and made reference to feeling uncomfortable about the neighbors possibly seeing him. Arrangements were made that she would leave school on December 3rd at about 11:40 a.m. in order to meet with the defendant. They then discussed possible locations for the defendant to meet with her. It was decided that the defendant and she would speak on December 2, 2010 to make final plans.

On December 2, 2010 the defendant again stated he was concerned about her father's house and would rather get a hotel to stay overnight in. They would watch a movie together and he would bring his DVD player so they could watch the movie together. The undercover officer did ask the subject whether he needed to wear a condom while oral sex was performed on him and the defendant stated he did not need to wear a condom to have oral sex because if he did it would taste like rubber. Subject did state that he would be bringing the new Chevy Monte Carlo which he received on November 17, 2010 but then stated that if it snowed he would be bringing a friend's truck.

Officer Brian Foth indicates that on December 1, 2010 the defendant had provided his cell phone number and four separate e-mails from his personal account. The sending person was identified as Ron Houswerth and through checking Wisconsin Circuit Access he was able to locate a Ronald R. Houswerth, DOB: 03/03/68 with a current address at Rothschild, Wisconsin. Officer Foth was also able to locate a current vehicle registered to Houswerth being a burgundy colored 1995 Chevrolet Monte Carlo that was registered on November 18, 2010.

Officers also contacted Special Agent Ronald Glaman out of Wausau who was advised to conduct surveillance on the apartment complex where the defendant resided indicating that the defendant was supposed to be leaving sometime in the morning of December 3rd to come to the Village of Pewaukee. Glaman stated he did surveillance from approximately 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. and then left the residence and another agent drove by at about 8:40 a.m. and the vehicle registered to Houswerth was gone at that time.

On December 2, 2010 at approximately 11:55 a.m. Officer Foth did chat with the defendant and it was discussed that the subject would take Brooke out to eat at Chocolate Factory located on the lakefront of Pewaukee. It was briefly discussed about the subject taking naked photographs of her as well as performing oral sex on her.

On December 3, 2010 conversation occurred between the undercover officer and the defendant and advised he would for sure be coming to Pewaukee on this date and to verify that Brooke's mother left town for the weekend. Subject agreed to send messages while Brooke was in school and told her to keep it on vibrate so it would not make noise in school when he sent a text. Approximately 10:28 a.m. Brooke sent the subject a text asking him whether he was on his way yet and stating that this was going to be Brooke's last class.

At approximately 11:32 a.m. Chief Baumann of the Village of Pewaukee Police did advise that he had observed a subject traveling in the suspect vehicle being a 1995 maroon colored 2-door Chevrolet Monte Carlo traveling northbound on W. Wisconsin Avenue along the lakefront in the vicinity of the Chocolate Factory. Eventually Officer Latona initiated a traffic stop and the driver of the vehicle was identified as Ronald R. Houswerth.

Said reports indicate the defendant was taken back to the Village of Pewaukee Police Department where he was advised of his Constitutional Rights and waived the same.

The defendant stated that he regularly chatted with females on Yahoo and was attracted to younger girls. Defendant stated he knew "Brooke" was 14 and he had been speaking with her for three weeks. The defendant described the photo of Brooke as her being cute. The defendant stated that he and Brooke spoke about oral sex and him taking naked photographs of her. The defendant stated he came to Pewaukee specifically to meet Brooke and did intend to take naked photographs of her.

Defendant stated he lived alone in an apartment in Rothschild Wisconsin and did have two cats. The defendant acknowledged that Brooke did state that he was 14 years old and he did send pictures of his penis and asked for pictures of her in return. Defendant stated he currently did still have a video of a 12 year old named Nikki masturbating on his computer hard drive. The defendant stated he also had another 14 year old picture of Kimmy who was naked. Defendant also said he had a photograph of a male engaged in sexual intercourse with a female who looked like she was four or five years old. He also had a photograph of an older male ejaculating on the face of a child who was four to five years old.

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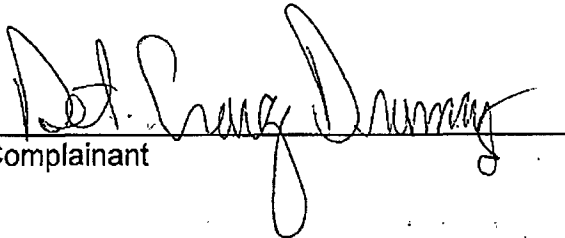
Defendant stated that several of his chats with Brooke were sexual in nature and he did describe that he loved to "lick girls pussy's." The defendant also stated he liked blow jobs. The defendant stated that he did plan to take naked photos of Brooke and that he would like it if she masturbated him. He also discussed Brooke possibly performing oral sex on him and on a couple of occasions he did smoke marijuana on the webcam.

Defendant stated that they had discussions about where they would stay and talked about the possibility of staying with her at her dad's house but they made plans to meet by a restaurant on the lakefront of Pewaukee after she left school on December 3, 2010. Brooke indicated that she would be home alone, the defendant stated that Brooke probably thought he was going to "lick her pussy and suck his dick" based upon the conversations they had had.

Defendant subsequently stated that he came to Pewaukee with the sole intent of meeting Brooke and intended to pick her up in his car so she would not need to walk from school to the lakefront.


Located in the defendant's vehicle were: a digital camera, pipe cleaners, a pipe commonly used to smoke marijuana, green vegetable material which tested positive for the presence of THC, a lighter and various medications for the defendant.

Based on the foregoing, the complainant believes this complaint to be true and correct.


Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
and approved for filing on:

this 6th day of December, 2010.


Assistant/Deputy/District Attorney
State Bar # 104374

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