

State of Wisconsin

Circuit Court

Adams County

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Plaintiff,

-vs-

DA Case No.: 2009AD000167

Assigned DA/ADA: Mark D. Thibodeau

Agency Case No. 2008-4997

Court Case No. 09CF 015

ATN:

STEVEN A. ERICKSON

4716 Burma Rd. Apt. 7

McFarland, WI 53558

DOB: 02/05/1951

Sex/Race: M/W

Criminal Complaint

Defendant,

INVESTIGATOR MARK BITSKY, Adams County Sheriff's Department, being first duly sworn, states that:

Count 1: 1ST DEGREE CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT - CONTACT WITH A CHILD UNDER AGE 13, LIFETIME SUPERVISION OF SERIOUS SEX OFFENDERS

The above-named defendant on or about Friday, August 08, 2008, in the Town of Strongs Prairie, Adams County, Wisconsin, did have sexual contact with a person who has not attained the age of thirteen, C.L.O., DOB 01/19/2008, contrary to sec. 948.02(1)(e), 939.615(2)(a) Wis. Stats., a **Class B Felony**, and upon conviction may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) years.

And further, invoking the provisions of sec. 939.615(2)(a) Wis. Stats., because this charge is a serious sex offense, pursuant to Section 939.615(1)(b)1, Wisconsin statutes, upon conviction, the State will seek to place the defendant on lifetime supervision.

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ADAMS COUNTY
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PROBABLE CAUSE:

1. Complainant is a deputy sheriff and an investigator with the Adams County Sheriff's Department and was so employed at all times relevant hereto. Complainant bases this complaint upon personal knowledge as set forth herein as well as upon investigative reports filed in the normal and ordinary course of business with the Adams County Sheriff's Department. Complainant states these reports include statement of citizen victim, C.L.O., dob: 01-19-2000, statements of citizen witnesses who have personal knowledge of that which they relate and statement of defendant made against his penal interest.
2. Complainant states that on August 13, 2008 Amanda M. Olson reported the sexual assault of her daughter, C.L.O., dob: 01/19/2000 to the Adams County Sheriff's Department. Olson reported the assault occurred at the Bob and Sue Vike residence at 1695 Cree Drive in the Town of Strongs Prairie, Adams County, and that the offender is Steve Erickson. Olson reported that C.L.O. had stayed at her grandma and grandpa's residence on or about Tuesday, August 5 through Sunday, August 10, 2008. Olson states that C.L.O. told her friends upon returning home. C.L.O.'s friends told their mother who informed Olson of the assault. C.L.O. then told her mother that "Uncle Steve", a/k/a Steven A. Erickson, had put his hand or hands down her pajamas and rubbed her.

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3. Complainant states Detective O'Connor of the Rock County Sheriff's Department conducted an interview with victim, C.L.O., dob: 01/19/2000 on September 3, 2008. Detective O'Connor reports C.L.O. stated in summary as follows:

That she was touched on her private parts by her Uncle Steven. That her Uncle Steven is her Grandma Sue's brother. That she was lying on the couch and her Uncle Steve was rubbing her legs. That her Uncle Steve worked his hand up and touched her private parts. That she had been taking a nap and everyone else was either sleeping or outside. That she was wearing a nightgown and underwear. That when her Uncle Steve reached up and rubbed her private parts, she got up off the couch. That when Uncle Steve was rubbing her, he put his fingers inside her underwear and rubbed her private parts. That he did not put his fingers inside of her and did not say anything while doing this. That she did not tell anyone while she was at her Grandma and Grandpa's house because she was scared as Uncle Steve was still there.

4. In the course of this investigation, Deputy Cheryl Thompson and Special Agent, Jennifer Price, interviewed Susan M. Vike at her residence located at 1695 Cree Drive, Adams County. Susan M. Vike stated in summary as follows:

That she was aware of the complaint of C.L.O. through C.L.O.'s mother, Amanda. That C.L.O. is her granddaughter. That Steven Erickson is her brother. That for three weeks in August, 2008 she had company. That from August 8 through August 10, 2008 Steven Erickson and his wife, Joanne Erickson, visited as well. That C.L.O. stayed at her home from August 7 through Sunday, August 10, 2008. That with the number of people at their home, there was a great deal of "hustle and bustle" around the house.

5. In the course of this investigation, Complainant interviewed Steven A. Erickson, dob: 02-05-51 on Thursday, February 5, 2009. Erickson gave a statement against his penal interest in summary as follows:

That he was aware of C.L.O.'s allegation from his sister, Sue, who had called him. That he recalled being at his sister's residence in Adams County for a family get-together. That he and his wife, Joanne, stayed in a tent. That C.L.O. was there but he did not recall where she slept. That the adults were drinking alcohol. That if he touched C.L.O. it would have been a complete accident. That, "I'm not aware if I touched her or anything." That he never would have touched her under her clothing. That he does not believe C.L.O. would make anything like this up. That something probably did happen to her. That it's very cloudy with him. That he does not remember being alone with C.L.O.

Complainant states upon second interview on same date, defendant stated in summary as follows:

That he did not recall touching C.L.O., stating, "I just don't remember."

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on

March 2, 2009

Mark J. Tibodeau

(Assistant) District Attorney

Approved for filing:

Mark Bitsky

Investigator Mark Bitsky, Complainant

State Bar Number: 1017972 / 1014245

I find that probable cause exists that the crime was committed by the defendant and order that he/she be held to answer thereto.

Dated: 3-3-09

Charles A. Pollex

Circuit Judge - Charles A. Pollex

Court Commissioner