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ARREST/PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT**

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult	Arrest Datetime	Arrest Location	Agency Report#	OBTS#	SPN#	Court Case#			
<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile	08/03/16 17:17	501 S BLAIR STONE RD	0016024894	3704002625	246307	7010 CF 222			
Defendant's Full Name (Last, First, Mid., Suffix)			D.O.B.	Race	Sex	Height	Weight	Hair	Eye
RENTZ, KATHGRET REBECCA			06/24/1988	W	F	504	110	BLN	BLU
Aliases		DL Number	DL State	SSN.#	Place of Birth		Patrol Zone		
		R532516887240	FL	[REDACTED]	FL		3A		
Local Address			Local Home#	Local Work#	Occupation/Employer/School				
501 S BLAIR STONE RD #1808 TALLAHASSEE 32301			(229)254.9493	(850)488.5977	CHAIRES ELEMENTRY SCHOC				
Permanent Address			Permnt. Home#	Scars, Tattoos, Unique Physical Features					
SAME,									

#	Co-Defendant Full Name	D.O.B.	Sex	Race	Arrested	Offense Level
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#	FDLE Statute Ref#	L/D	Domestic Violence?	Charge Literal	Bond Am	Cnts	Writ	Capias
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If Release is Approved, Defendant Should be Electronically Monitored? NO

If YES, Why?

Affiant Signature 	Arresting Officer Name/Id# BRANNON B 510	Arresting Agency/ORI# TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT FL0370300
08/04/2016 12:42		

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RENTZ, KATHGRET REBECCA	W	F	06/24/1988	0016024894

The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named Defendant on Wednesday August 3RD 2016, at approximately 17:17, at 501 S BLAIR STONE RD did the following violation of law:

PROBABLE CAUSE TEMPLATE - ORIGINAL REPORT

TIME OF ARREST (ARRESTEE IN PHYSICAL CUSTODY): 5:17PM

DEFENDANT NAME: Kathgret Rebecca Rentz

DOB: 06/24/1988

FACTS TO SUPPORT ABOVE CHARGE(S):

I, Officer Brannon (#510) responded to the above location in regards to a report of inappropriate behavior between a female adult and a [REDACTED] child. The complainant informed dispatch that the subjects were kissing and acting inappropriately with one another in the pool.

Upon arrival I made contact with the complainant, the leasing manager, in the leasing office. She advised that she had been approached by several employees, and some tenants, in regards to the way the suspect had been interacting with the child over the past week or so. She then pointed out the suspect and victim, who were still in the pool, to me from within the office area.

I then observed the two, from an unseen vantage point within the office building, as they spent time in the pool together. Although I did not see them touching or kissing, the way they were conducting themselves did seem very unusual. They were slowly moving about the pool, for the most part, in proximity to one another and appeared to be talking a great deal. At one point the child ducked under water and the suspect slowly swam directly over [REDACTED] in what seemed to be a seductive manner. The way they were interacting with one another from my perspective appeared more consistent with an intimate couple as opposed to a child and an adult guardian playing at the pool together.

A short time later the two exited the pool and began to leave the area. I waited and observed them getting into the suspect's car before approaching them and conducting the initial investigative stop. Just as she had started the vehicle's engine I approached them and motioned for her to stop. She immediately complied and rolled the passenger side window down. I then instructed them to exit the vehicle and told them that I needed to speak with them inside. Ofc. Bascom #518 and I then escorted them into the fitness center which is in the same structure as the leasing office. Once inside the two were separated. Ofc. Bascom took the child into the hallway of the leasing office and I remained in the fitness center with the defendant. It should be noted that Sgt. Sims #226 had been notified around this same time of the situation. He responded to the scene and assisted with contacting the investigators and the child's parent.

Once separated from the child I asked for the defendant's identification and she willingly provided it. As I began taking down her information I asked what her relationship was to the child. She initially stated that [REDACTED] was family. She then stated, during the same response, that she was a close family friend. I then asked, "Well, which is it...family or friend?" She answered that they were close family friends and it was almost as though they were family. At this point I stopped and read Miranda Warnings to the defendant. The defendant advised that she would like an attorney at that point. I then informed her that I would not be speaking with her about the case any further beyond that point. There were a couple of points after that where she began to ask me about the case and I reminded her that she had requested an attorney and that I could not speak with her about the case any further at that point. I also provided some basic information about what was taking place and

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informed her that the investigator would probably be willing to speak with her at some point if she wanted to talk to him.

At that point I had a brief "small talk" conversation with her about miscellaneous topics as we waited for the investigator to arrive. After that I retrieved my computer and began working on the report. A short time later, after a period of silence, the defendant abruptly asked me, "Are they going to get a search warrant for my apartment?" This seemed odd because no one had mentioned anything about her residence up to that point. I simply answered that I did not know. A short time after that she stated that the victim's clothes and property were inside her apartment. She then pointed out that [REDACTED] was still in [REDACTED] swimsuit and asked if [REDACTED] would be able to get [REDACTED] stuff. I assured her that it would be taken care of at some point.

There were seven known, independent witnesses to this case. It should be noted that all of the noted incidents occurred in the pool at this location. According to the witness statements the suspect and victim had been seen kissing and hugging, as though they were a couple, on various occasions over the past couple of weeks. One witness actually indicated that they had seen the victim grabbing the suspect's breasts in addition to them hugging and kissing intimately. Yet another witness stated that they had seen the two "caressing, kissing, and fondling each other in inappropriate places." One witness described the suspect and victim as kissing and holding each other closely and that they come to the pool together frequently. Witness Johnson said that on one occasion, about two weeks ago, he saw the two in the pool together hugging and kissing. He went on to say that the victim was swimming between the defendant's legs under water and "riding her back side." He concluded that they were acting like a couple.

The reoccurring theme from the accounts provided was that the two appeared to be a couple that were involved in a romantic relationship. All of the witnesses expressed in one way or another that what they had observed made them feel very uncomfortable. One of the employee witnesses that I spoke to briefly also stated that there was another female, presumably the victim's mother, present on one occasion. She continued that the way the two interacted with one another during that time was completely different than all of the other occasions when they are alone. I also asked some of the employees why they had not come forward sooner. They advised that the victim, due to [REDACTED] size, looked as though [REDACTED] may have been a little older and they wanted to be certain about what they were seeing before making any accusations.

Inv. Caplan #379 and S.A.O. Anna Norris were contacted and the case was thoroughly discussed with them before the decision was made to proceed with this charge. It should also be noted that the investigation is ongoing with pending search warrants.

The victim's mother arrived on scene and verified the victim's information. The victim's date of birth was verified as [REDACTED] making [REDACTED] years of age at this time. The victim's mother advised the defendant is known to be the guidance counselor [REDACTED] (a local elementary school). According to the school's website, the defendant is a currently a guidance counselor at the school. Law enforcement also verified via a school administrator that the defendant was still employed by the school at the time of the incident. The defendant's date of birth was verified by Florida DL as 06/24/1988 making her 28 years of age at this time.

Based on the above information, the defendant did intentionally touch a person under 16 years of age in a lewd or lascivious manner; or solicit a person under 16 years of age to commit a lewd or lascivious act, in violation of Florida Statute 800.04.

The defendant's position in the school meets the definition of an "authority figure" because she is 18 years of age or older and is employed or under contact with a local elementary school. The victim meets the definition of a "student" because [REDACTED] is younger than 18 years of age [REDACTED]. Being the defendant qualifies as an "authority figure" as described in Florida Statute 775.0862, this offense should be reclassified from a felony of the second degree to a felony of the first degree (in accordance

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with Florida Statute 775.0862 3B).

PLACE AN "X" IN FRONT OF ALL THAT APPLY:

- X Supplemental Reports Submitted
- Victim Statement Submitted
- X Witness Statement(s) Submitted
- Suspect/Arrestee Statement Impounded
- Property Impounded
- X Vehicle Towed

Affiant Signature <i>B. Brannon</i> 510	Arresting Officer Name/Id# BRANNON B 510	Arresting Agency TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT FL0370300
Sworn to and subscribed before me this Thursday of August 4TH 2016		Certifying Officer <i>[Signature]</i> 510
Detention facility Leon County Jail 535 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32304		Arrest Date/Time 08/03/16 17:17
Booking Officer <i>[Signature]</i> 2010	Bond Amount FAR	Aggravating Factors

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VICTIM INFORMATION**

#	FDLE Statute	Victim's Name	Victim's Address	Home#	Work#
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