

In the County Court Leon County, Florida

SPIN#: 246307
REF#: 4013
Warrant#: 2016CF3357
Agency Case #: 16-24894
Officer I.D.#: 379
Charge: Lewd or Lascivious Conduct

STATE OF FLORIDA
vs.

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COMPLAINT

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Statute No(s): 800.04(6)(b)
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Sex: Female
Race: White
Height: 504
Weight: 110
Hair: Blonde
Eyes: Blue
SSN: [REDACTED]
DL#: R532516887240

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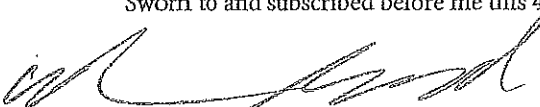
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contrary to the statute, rule, regulation or other provision of law in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.


Inv. J. Caplan
Complainant

Tallahassee Police Department
234 E. 7th Ave. Tallahassee, FL 32303
Address

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of November, 2016.


Judge, Assistant State Attorney or Notary Public

SEAL

Richard Wood
Notary

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THESE ARE, THEREFORE, to command you to arrest instanter the aforesaid defendant and bring him or her before me to be dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of NOVEMBER, 2016.

Ronald W. Gurn (SEAL)
County Court Judge County

WARRANT

Will Extradite _____

Florida Only _____

PROBABLE CAUSE

CASE #: 16-24894

TO: FIRST APPEARANCE MAGISTRATE

DEFENDANT: Kathgret Rentz

CHARGES: Lewd and Lascivious Conduct [800.04 (6B)]

SUMMARY OF OFFENSES AND PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT:

On August 3, 2016, TPD Officer Brannon (#510) responded to 501 South Blairstone Road in regards to a report of inappropriate behavior between a female adult and a [REDACTED] child. The complainant informed dispatch the subjects were kissing and acting inappropriately with one another in the pool.

The suspect was identified as Kathgret Rentz (a 28 year old female) and the child was identified as an [REDACTED]

There were seven independent witnesses who provided sworn written statements on scene. All of the witnessed incidents occurred in the pool area of the apartment complex 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 two weeks. One witness reported seeing the victim grabbing the suspect's breasts in addition to them hugging and kissing intimately. A separate witness reported seeing the two "caressing, kissing, and fondling each other in inappropriate places." Another witness described the suspect and victim kissing and holding each other closely, and stated they come to the pool together frequently. Witness Johnson said on one occasion, approximately two weeks ago, he saw the two in the pool together hugging and kissing. He further advised he observed the victim was swimming between the suspect's legs under water and "riding her back side."

The reoccurring theme from the witness accounts conveyed the suspect and victim appeared to be involved in a romantic relationship. All of the witnesses expressed what they had observed made them feel very uncomfortable. One of the employee witnesses Officer Brannon briefly spoke to stated there was another female, presumably the victim's mother, present on one occasion. The employee described the way the suspect and victim interacted with one another during that incident to be completely different than other occasions when they are alone.

Kathgret Rentz was arrested on August 3, 2016, and charged with Lewd and Lascivious Conduct based on the witness statements and information obtained on that date. Subsequent to her arrest, search warrants were signed and executed for the suspect's vehicle, residence, cellular phone, the victim's iPod/cellular/WiFi device, and various other social media accounts associated to the suspect and victim.

On August 4, 2016, the search warrant for the defendant's residence was executed. During the search warrant, photos were taken by forensics technician Wilder (818). On the refrigerator in the residence, there was a marker board with "bae+boo=us 4ever <3 I love you." Another marker board in the defendant's laundry room had "I love Bae" written on it. The terms "bae" and "boo" are commonly used as a terms of endearment towards a significant other. The residence is an apartment containing two bedrooms. One of the bedrooms appeared un-inhabited by any person. On the desk in the living room, a list was located with the title "[Victim] + Me To Do." The list contained the following: "kiss video, vine, camwow pic, dance night, math facts/test, school shop/bookbag, hair cut, go to the movies." Another piece of paper was located with "[Victim], I LOVE YOU ALWAYS" in large

block lettering. Inside of the block lettering was a phrase used by the victim, "my bae," "6-3-16," and "4ever."

In the defendant's bedroom, there were two night stands next to the bed. As you are facing the bed, the night stand on the left had an iPhone 6 compatible phone charger (consistent with the defendant's phone). As you are facing the bed, the night stand on the right had a "30 pin" charger next to it (consistent with the victim's iPod/wireless device). Inside the drawer of the night stand on the right, there were two knives and a pair of headphones which appear to belong to the victim. Next to the knives and headphones were two commercially labeled bottles of personal lubricant or "personal intimacy liquid" commonly used in sexual activity ("KY" and "Smooth Pleasure").

On August 8, 2016, after the arrest of the defendant, another witness came forward with information pertaining to the defendant and her relationship with the victim. The witness, identified as Ms. Stephens, reportedly resides in the complex and has seen the defendant and the victim in the pool on a separate occasion. Ms. Stephens provided a sworn written statement indicating while she observed the two in the pool, their behavior made her "uncomfortable" because it was an "older female and the [REDACTED] was a [REDACTED]" Ms. Stephens described their behavior as "flirtatious/seductive like," and stated she observed the two kiss "mouth to mouth." Furthermore, Ms. Stephens advised she was on a float and as she neared the two, she heard the victim "telling the woman that [REDACTED] was going to surprise her when gives her the ring, maybe your birthday." The victim then made a statement about cutting grass to earn money and said "something about having \$200." Ms. Stephens concluded her statement with "you could tell this was not a casual acquaintance, but much more."

As information from the various search warrants was obtained and examined, several items of interest were located on the defendant's cellular phone. Several communications and images collate to validate a physical and emotional relationship between the defendant and the victim. Text messages show the victim and defendant saying "Love you" to each other a multitude of times and referring to each other as "Bae" and "Boo." From 06/07/2016 to 08/02/2016, the defendant had over 469 text message communications (SMS-Short Message Service) sent to or received from the victim. Of the 469 SMS, 306 of the messages were sent from the defendant to the victim and 163 were received by the defendant from the victim. On the defendant's device, 199 of the above messages were deleted (157 sent/42 received) but recovered through forensic analysis.

The following are messages between the victim and defendant from 07/31/2016:

Defendant: I love you so much! Goodnight my everything and my love. You're my forever! Text me good morning if you can. I love you (deleted)

Victim: Love you and kitty and I love you and good night and hopefully you sleep good

Defendant: We love you too and I hope you sleep good, too. I need you beside me to sleep good, My Everything and Fiancé (deleted)

The defendant also texted the victim several messages such as "I love you Bae", "I love you [REDACTED]", "My Bae, my world, my you!", "I'm not complete without you!", "I won't sleep without you, my love!".

On 08/02/2016, the defendant texted the victim "Happy 2 months My everything! You complete me and make me feel so loved and happy! Can't wait to see you and it won't be long. I hate not waking up to you! I'm ready for you to be back so MUCH!" The victim replied, "Happy 2 Month anniversary."

When reviewing images within the defendant's cellular phone (iPhone 6), multiple images were located of the victim. Of the images located, at least 71 images were located within a file folder listed as (**bold added for emphasis**):

Windows7/Applications/com.rocky.HideCalculator/Documents/._alias_images/Bae/

Upon further investigation and analysis, it appears as though these photos were concealed within the application "HiCalculator." HiCalculator is listed on iTunes with the description:

"HiCalculator can hide your photos and videos behind a calculator. What everyone can see is just an ordinary calculator. Until you type in your secret passcode it became a private storage app in which you can hide your most secret photos, videos, and more."

Of the 71 images within this file, 13 images are of the victim and 58 images are of the victim and defendant together. Of the images of the defendant and victim together, at least 4 images show the victim and defendant kissing each other on the lips. 13 other images show either the defendant or victim kissing the other on the cheek. One of the images is a collage of 3 photos with the victim and defendant together. The collage has "You complete me In every way... I love you!" written over the image. Another image shows the defendant looking at the victim while the victim is looking in the direction of the camera. On this image, the words "A Look can say More Than Words Ever Could" are displayed over the image. Several of the images appeared to be copies and/or modified versions of an original image (Snapchat filters, CamWow, Instagram filters, etc.). One of the images appears to be the victim lying in bed. The image does not show the victim below the stomach-line, however, the victim is facing the camera and has no shirt on. There did not appear to be any images stored within this hidden file folder other than images of the victim and defendant.

Another file folder within the defendant's phone, containing at least 75 images, was listed as:

Windows 7/Applications/com.camerasideas.photovault/Documents/PhotoVault/Photo Vault/

Upon further investigation and analysis, it appears as though these photos were concealed within the application "Photo Vault." Photo Vault is listed on iTunes with the description:

"With Photo Vault, you can lock, hide and manage private photos and videos safe and secure in secret photo album!"

Of the 75 images in this file, several appeared to be copies of a "full resolution" image (fullscreen, thumbnail, etc.). Several of these images appeared to be identical to the photos from the HiCalculator file. However, there appeared to be additional images of the victim and defendant within this file as well. There did not appear to be any images stored within this hidden file folder other than images of the victim and defendant.

A total of four specific images of the victim and defendant kissing mouth to mouth were located with the below metadata information attached to the images listing "Apple iPhone 6" as the camera used to capture the images:

picture-00028.JPG ---06/20/2016 11:36:46PM--- The defendant and victim are kissing mouth to mouth.

picture-00040.JPG ---07/03/2016 8:29:03PM--- The defendant and victim are kissing mouth to mouth. They appear to be on the screened porch of the defendant's residence.

IMG_4965.JPG ---07/23/2016 5:48:53PM--- The defendant and victim are kissing mouth to mouth. They appear to be sitting on a couch, possibly at the defendant's residence.

2016073117015967.jpg ---07/31/2016 5:01:59PM--- The defendant and victim are kissing mouth to mouth. The image is black and white and the background appears to show the interior of the defendant's apartment.

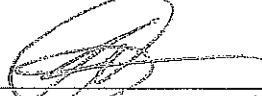
The following video of the suspect and victim kissing was located within the "Photo Vault" file. The metadata for the video lists "Apple iPhone 6" as the recording device used to record the video:


PhotoVault/Photo Vault/12/video.mov ---07/03/2016 8:30:13PM--- This video is approximately 13 seconds in length. The defendant and victim appear to be lying on the bed in the defendant's room. The two kiss mouth to mouth quickly, then again quickly while appearing to use their tongues. The two then kiss several more times quickly on the mouth without appearing to use their tongues. Towards the end of the video, the victim opens [redacted] mouth and leans into the defendant, sticking [redacted] tongue towards her mouth. The defendant smiles, opens her mouth and proceeds to kiss the victim while using her tongue and/or allowing the victim's tongue to enter her mouth.

Based on the above PhotoVault/Photo Vault/12/video.mov dated 07/03/2016 8:30:13PM, 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 victim was 11 years of age at the time. The defendant's date of birth was verified by Florida DL as 06/24/1988, making her 28 years of age at this time.

The defendant's position in the school meets the definition of an "authority figure" because she was 18 years of age or older and was employed or under contact with a local elementary school at the time of the offenses. The victim meets the definition of a "student" because [redacted] is younger than 18 years of age and is/was enrolled at the same local elementary school. 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 with Florida Statute 775.0862 3B).

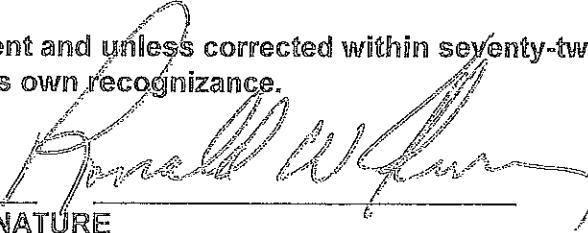
The preceding is true to the best of my present knowledge or belief.

SIGNATURE  Inv. J. Caplan #379, TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NOTARY/ASA  Notarization: Sworn and subscribed before me this 12th day of November 2016. Raymond Wood
My commission expires: Law Enforcement Officer

ORDER: THIS CAUSE coming before me as a First Appearance Magistrate, and having reviewed the preceding Affidavits, find:

Probable cause sufficient;
 Probable cause not sufficient and unless corrected within seventy-two hours, the defendant shall be released on his own recognizance.

Bond Amount Requested: _____

JUDGE'S SIGNATURE