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Honorable Jon M.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CHEYENNE M. ERDMAN

[REDACTED]

DA Case No: 2017EC002317
Assigned DAVADA: Benjamin Webster
Referral Agency: Eau Claire Police Dept
Agency Case No: 1712613
ATN:

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

DOB: 12/10/1974
Sex/Race: M/W
Eye Color: Brown
Hair Color: Brown
Height: 6 ft 00 in
Weight: 200 lbs
Alias: Also Known As Cheyenne
Mathew Erdman,

Defendant.

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states that:

Count 1: SEX OFFENDER - IDENTIFY SELF INCORRECTLY

The above-named defendant on or about Tuesday, June 20, 2017, in the City of Eau Claire, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin, as a sex offender ordered to comply with the reporting requirements under s. 301.45 Wis. Stats., did intentionally identify himself by a name other than the name by which the person is identified with the Department of Corrections Sex Offender Registry Program, contrary to sec. 301.47(2)(b), 939.50(3)(h) Wis. Stats., a Class H Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than six (6) years, or both.

PROBABLE CAUSE:

The complainant is in possession of police reports by Officer Lt. Thomas of the Eau Claire Police Department, which form the basis for this complaint.

Lt. Thomas reports that on June 19, 2017, he received a phone call from J.B., who advised that he wanted to pass along some information in regard to defendant Cheyenne M. Erdman. He further reports that the defendant is a registered sex offender, which was confirmed by Sex Offender Registration Specialist Sarah Aho. J.B. told Lt. Thomas that the defendant was using fake names on social media, which would be a violation of his Sex Offender Registration (SOR) rules. He further stated that he was almost positive that the defendant was the founder of the "Eau Claire TMZ" Facebook page, though he could not completely confirm it. J.B. also indicated that the defendant had created two other fake Facebook pages under the names "Bethany Mae Luivell" and "Monneey Mathew."

J.B. informed Lt. Thomas that he has a friend who had gone on the Eau Claire TMZ Facebook page and commented that the owner is a registered sex offender. He further stated that he had also gone on the Eau Claire TMZ Facebook page and asked the owner of the page to post a picture of himself to prove that he is not a registered sex offender, but the owner of the page refused to do so and would delete the comments. J.B. indicated that he was later blocked from the page.

J.B. told Lt. Thomas that a short time later, a comment was posted on the Facebook page of his friend by "Bethany Mae Luivell." He noted that "Bethany's" Facebook page shows that she is a female, and that her profile picture is that of a female and two young girls, and the main picture on the page is of a

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baseball stadium. J.B. indicated that the comment posted on his friend's page said something along the lines of, "I look good and you are fake." He also advised that there was a video in the comment section under the name Bethany, but that the video was confirmed to be Cheyenne Erdman saying, "you see me" and "you are posting that [REDACTED] knock it off." Lt. Thomas reports that he showed the video to Detective Prock, who has been involved in investigations with the defendant in the past, and that Detective Prock positively identified the person in the video as defendant Cheyenne Erdman. Lt. Thomas noted that this identification confirmed that the defendant had posted a video under a different name, and that the Facebook profile appeared to be fake and was believed to have been generated by the defendant.

Lt. Thomas reports that he subsequently called SOR specialist Sarah Aho, who said that she had already spoken with J.B. regarding the case and that J.B. had sent her screen shots of the Facebook page "Monneey Mathew," as well as a screen shot of the video. Ms. Aho confirmed that the defendant is a sex offender and that he had not reported any social media websites to her, rendering him in violation of the sex offender rules and in violation of Section 301.47 of the Wisconsin Statutes by falsifying his name. She also sent Lt. Thomas a screen shot of a comment made to J.B.'s friend by the defendant under the name "Bethany" which started with, "This is Chey."

Lt. Thomas reports that while he was speaking with Ms. Aho, he looked back at the Bethany Mae Luivell Facebook page and found that the page was deleted and the video and comment on the Facebook page of J.B.'s friend was also deleted. Lt. Thomas also discovered that the Facebook page of "Monneey Mathew" was deleted. He reports that he showed a screen shot of the "Monneey Mathew" page to Detective Prock, who confirmed that it was the defendant and that the blue Mustang vehicle in the background was the vehicle that the defendant drives. Ms. Aho indicated that the defendant had never reported a vehicle to her, and Lt. Thomas ran a check of the defendant's information through Department of Transportation (DOT) records and confirmed that the defendant's operating privileges are revoked.

Lt. Thomas reports that on June 20, 2017, he drove to the apartment complex at [REDACTED] in Eau Claire and saw the blue Mustang vehicle parked in a parking garage belonging to that building. He further reports that upon running a check of the vehicle's license plate number, he found that it comes back to a 2007 Ford Mustang registered to Eugene Erdman. Lt. Thomas observed that the vehicle appeared to be the same Ford Mustang that was in the picture under "Monneey Mathew" in Facebook. He also noted that the defendant's middle name is Mathew.

Lt. Thomas reports that on June 27, 2017, he and Sergeant Pieper met with the defendant and interviewed him at his apartment at [REDACTED]. The defendant admitted that he had been on Facebook and that he had not reported any names to Sarah Aho that had been used as Facebook profiles. The defendant further indicated that he had a personal account for a couple of years that was under "Monneey Mathew," and Lt. Thomas noted that the defendant was wearing the same "RUN DMC" sweatshirt that he was wearing on a photo under the "Monneey Mathew" account. The defendant also stated that he had deleted the "Monneey Mathew" account.

In speaking further with the officers, the defendant admitted that he was the creator and sole individual running the "Eau Claire TMZ" account. He denied having created the "TMZ Eau Claire" page, and said that he had shut down the Eau Claire TMZ page because he was getting death threats from people. The defendant also confirmed that he had created the "Bethany Mae Luivell" Facebook page and claimed that he had done so because he was receiving threats from people and wanted to monitor the threats. When asked why he had not just notified the sex offender registry, the defendant said that he took responsibility for that. The defendant also informed Lt. Thomas that he has an Instagram account that was under a name something along the lines of "shy monneey mathew," though he did not exactly remember the name.

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