

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WASHINGTON COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2024WA000695
Assigned DA/ADA: Mandy A Schepper
Agency Case No.: 24-6436WCSD

vs.

Court Case No.:

Edward J Archambeau
[REDACTED]
West Bend, WI 53090
DOB: 12/01/1971
Sex/Race: M/W

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Defendant.

For Official Use

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states that:

Count 1: POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

The above-named defendant on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, Washington County, Wisconsin, did, having attained the age of 18, knowingly possess a recording of MER of a child engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and reasonably should have known that the child was under the age of 18, contrary to sec. 948.12(1m) and (3)(a), 939.50(3)(d) Wis. Stats., a Class D Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than twenty five (25) years, or both.

And furthermore, invoking the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 973.042(2), upon conviction for a crime under 948.05 or 948.12 and the defendant is at least 18 years of age at the time of the commission of the crime, the Court shall impose a surcharge of \$500.00 for each image or each copy of an image, as defined in 973.042(1), associated with the crime. The court shall determine the number of images or copies of images associated with the crime by a preponderance of the evidence and without a jury.

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 three years.

Count 2: EXPOSE CHILD TO HARMFUL DESCRIPTIONS

The above-named defendant on and between November 25, 2023, and March 12, 2024, Washington County, Wisconsin, as a person having attained the age of 17, did verbally communicate, by any means, a harmful description or narrative account to a child, MER, DOB born in November of 2008, with or without monetary consideration, and had knowledge of the character and content of the material and in which the person knew or reasonably should have known the child was under the age of 18, contrary to sec. 948.11(2)(am), 939.50(3)(i) Wis. Stats., a Class I Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than three (3) years and six (6) months, or both.

Count 3: INTENT. CONTRIBUTE TO THE DELINQUENCY OF A CHILD - FELONY

The above-named defendant on and between November 25, 2023, and March 12, 2024, Washington County, Wisconsin, did intentionally encourage or contribute to the delinquency of a child such that the child's act that was contributed to is punishable as a felony, contrary to

sec. 948.40(1) and (4)(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:

Complainant prays that said defendant be dealt with according to law. The basis for the complainant's charge of such offense is he is a sworn officer with the Washington County Sheriff's Office and bases his information upon review of the report of Detective A. Edwards of the Washington County Sheriff's Office, who reports on Thursday, February 22, 2024, she took over an investigation started by Deputy J. Miller at 8:32 a.m. Detective Edwards reports that BER came to the Sheriff's Office Lobby to report that his 15-year-old son, MER who has a date of birth in November of 2008, was engaging in sexually explicit conversations with unknown individuals online. BER stated that MER's mother had observed sexually explicit images and conversations on the phone. BER then turned over a screen shot of one such text message conversation that indicates MER was planning to meet up with multiple individuals over the weekend to engage in sexual intercourse.

Detective Edwards reports that BER provided a phone number from MER's phone. The first phone number showed an in-house result of Edward John Archambeau, the defendant herein. A second number provided lists to a male in the State of Ohio. Said officer reports that she met with SMR, the mother of MER, as well as BER and MER, on February 22nd at 3:48 p.m. Said officer reports that she spoke to MER away from SMR and BER. MER stated that he is a freshman in high school. He stated that he knew officers were there to talk to him because he has been talking to "four different guys online." MER stated that due to other internet application usage issues, he has strict parental restrictions on his phone. He stated that his only access to social media is four hours on Snapchat. He stated that he talks to random people through the Snapchat "Quick Add" feature. He stated that due to his four-hour restriction, he gives individuals his phone number so they can text.

Detective Edwards reports that she showed MER a printout of a screen shot of messages. MER stated that it was from a conversation with "Andy," who was later identified as the defendant. MER described "Andy" as a 27-year-old male who lives up north in his father's basement. MER stated that "Andy" works second shift doing some sort of factory work. MER stated that he and "Andy" have had sexual conversations, and he has sent "Andy" images of his "bare ass." MER also stated that he is always honest about his age to the people he meets online. MER stated that he told "Andy" that he is fifteen years old, and he also identified the high school he attends. MER stated that he and "Andy" began talking in November of 2023, and their conversation began when "Andy" messaged him out of the blue. Detective Edwards was later able to confirm that this is indeed how their conversation began through a download of MER's phone.

Detective Edwards reports that after she received information from MER, she invited his parents to join the interview. Said officer reports that she advised them that "Andy" is actually a 52-year-old man who lives in close proximity to them. Said officer reports that MER appeared to be shocked by this information. Said officer reports that BER and SMR consented to the forensic download of MER's data. She also received permission from MER and SMR to assume MER's online identity on both his Snapchat account and text messages. Your complainant is aware that MER resides at the homes of his parents based upon an agreed upon placement schedule. Both BER and SMR reside in Washinton County, Wisconsin.

Detective Edwards reports that Investigator B. Giese performed a download of MER's devices on February 23, 2024. Said officer reports that while looking over the extracted data, she located full conversations between MER and "Andy." In reviewing the conversation, "Andy" tells MER that he works at Quad Graphics in Lomira, which is a previous employer for the defendant, and he lives in West Bend, which is accurate. MER tells "Andy" that he is fifteen years old. At the end of January 2024, MER and "Andy" make plans to meet for sexual intercourse at the Marcus Theater in Menomonee Falls; however, at the last minute, "Andy" comes up with an excuse about a pal getting kicked out of his parents' home. During their conversations, MER also discusses taking exams and shows his grades to "Andy."

As to Count 1, on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, MER sent multiple images of his buttocks in various states of undress, including a fully nude image. Said officer reports that based upon her training and experience, she recognizes the image of MER's nude buttocks to be consistent with the definition of child pornography.

Detective Edwards reports that she observed on Saturday, February 17, 2024, MER and "Andy" had a text message exchange. "Andy" messages MER, and the message exchange includes "Andy" telling MER: that he was watching pornography in the basement; that his mother's boyfriend's thirteen-year-old son, who was being babysat by "Andy," saw "Andy" watching the pornography; "Andy" also describes that the thirteen-year-old saw his "rock hard D." "Andy" also comments that "I was super close too." "Andy" then messaged that, "I bet he touched his upstairs on the couch."

Detective Edwards reports that on February 18, 2024, "Andy" tells MER that he "got a BJ last night." MER replied, "Lucky you and them." "Andy" described that he was out with a friend and the friend's wife, and the friend made his wife give "Andy" a blow job. "Andy" also described to MER about the incident, "we were on the couch and both got up and cum on her." Also on the 18th, "Andy" told MER that MER has a nice butt. Said officer reports that MER had previously sent clothed images of his buttocks to "Andy." "Andy" also tells MER that MER would have to sneak away to see him.

Detective Edward reports that conversations between "Andy" and MER occurred almost daily, and during their conversations there were constantly veiled references to masturbation and other sexual activity involving them or other individuals that both describe. Said officer reports that during her interview with MER, he indicated that he made up all of the references he spoke about.

Detective Edwards reports that on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, a search warrant was executed at the defendant's home, located at [REDACTED] City of West Bend, Washington County, Wisconsin. The defendant was arrested pursuant to a traffic stop and taken into custody. Said officer reports that she received a post-Miranda statement of the defendant. The defendant confirmed his address, phone numbers for his work and personal phone, and his email addresses. The defendant initially denied speaking to any underage individuals via any means on his phone or internet. The defendant later confirmed that he has an interest in talking to underaged people. When specifically asked about MER, the defendant was asked how old he is. The defendant stated, "under eighteen." When asked a second time about MER's age, the defendant stated "fifteen." When asked if he was having sexual conversations with MER, the defendant stated that he was but is not anymore. Said officer reports that she advised the defendant that she had reviewed all of their messages and knew otherwise. The

defendant then volunteered that MER had sent him pictures of his “butt.” Said officer reports that she showed the defendant a sanitized image that MER had sent of his nude buttocks. She asked if he knew what it was. The defendant admitted that he recognized it to be MER. The image shown to the defendant is the sanitized version of the image charged in Count 1.

The defendant also admitted that he had been chatting with MER as “Andy’s Dad Ed” too. The defendant stated that MER wanted to go to the movie and “do whatever.” The defendant denied introducing the new character to MER for purposes of explaining the age difference of “Andy” versus the defendant’s actual age. The defendant stated he came up with a reason to not meet up and “avoided it because he didn’t want to meet up.” Your complainant is aware that MER and “Andy’s Dad Ed” had conversations where MER was asked what MER has done sexually with a man. Said officer reports that the defendant also stated that his favorite video of MER was MER “twerking or shaking it” and that MER was clothed in it. The defendant admitted to touching himself while talking sexually to MER. He stated he also deleted the text chats and images received from MER.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 03/13/24

Electronically Signed By:

Jeanette K Corbett

Assistant District Attorney

State Bar #: 1033978

Electronically Signed By:

Det. Sgt. Donald Kapla

Complainant