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Nancy Fisher
CLERK, CIRCUIT COURT
COOPER COUNTY

STATE OF MISSOURI

vs.

STEPHEN D. TYLER

OCN:

DOB: [redacted]
SSN: [redacted]
Height: [redacted]
Weight: [redacted]
Race/Sex: [redacted]

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

(Pursuant to Supreme Court Rules 21.04 and 22.03)

I, Jordan C. Shikles, Detective Sergeant with the Sheriff's Office, County of Cooper, Missouri **UPON MY OATH, AND UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY,** state as follows:

1) I have probable cause to believe that STEPHEN D. TYLER [redacted], Boonville, Mo 65233) committed one or more criminal offenses.

2) The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 01/02/2024 I, Detective Jordan Shikles in the County of Cooper, State of Missouri conducted an Internet Crimes against Children investigation utilizing Undercover social media accounts.

During this investigation, contact was made with Stephen D. Tyler (57 years old) who is a registered Sex Offender in Cooper County. Tyler was utilizing Telegram with his name "Stephen Tyler" and account name: [redacted] as well as a picture of himself. The picture was matched with his Sex Offender photograph as well as his picture from the Department of Revenue. Tyler does not have his Telegram account listed in his Sex Offender Registry.

Over a two-day period, Tyler conversed with the UC account. I was able to confirm that Stephen Tyler was the one chatting with the UC account due to Tyler confirming his place of employment and that he volunteers at the [redacted]. During conversations, I clearly explained the UC account age as 16 years old. Tyler stated: "as long as it stays between us. We can see how it goes."

Tyler's conversations with the 16-year-old UC account turned graphically sexual in nature and Tyler even referred to the UC as his "experimental subject." Tyler agreed to meeting up with the UC account in person and even set up a location to meet at Harley Park in Boonville, Missouri for the purpose of sexual intercourse. Contact was lost with Tyler on 01/04/2024.

During this investigation, surveillance was attempted at the residence he has listed on his sex offender registry. It was determined that Tyler no longer resides at [redacted] in Boonville. The doors and windows to the residence were open, no answer at the residence and no visible personal property was inside.

On 01/18/2024 contact was made with Tyler utilizing a second UC account of a 14-year-old juvenile female on Telegram. I was able to request Tyler to move from Telegram to another social media application of his choice, Tyler advised that he operates a Snapchat account and a Facebook account. Tyler provided his Snapchat of: [redacted]"

Tyler's Snapchat account was added, and conversations started on Snapchat. It should be noted, Tyler does not have this Snapchat account listed on his Sex Offender Registry. Conversations continued on Snapchat over a few days.

On 01/22/2024 Tyler was made aware that the UC account was 14-years-old. Tyler continued conversations with the UC account and said, "we have to keep this secret so we both don't get in trouble." Tyler then asked who he believed was a 14-year-old juvenile, "what experience are you looking for with an older, mature man?" and "what experience do you have with men, if you don't mind me asking."

Conversations continued with Tyler describing to the UC account what he would do to her by means of oral sex. Tyler asked "what would you do with it in front of you? Hard and pointing directly at you…" referring to his penis. Tyler referenced anal sex as well as ejaculation when describing things, he wanted to sexually do with who he believed was a 14-year-old juvenile.

Conversations led to Tyler agreeing to meet with who he believed was a 14-year-old juvenile in person. Tyler even set a date and time to meet.

It should be noted that Tyler is a registered Sex Offender and has previous Failure To Register violations to include a warrant out of the State of Florida for Failing to register as a Sex Offender.

3) The aforesaid facts are true to the best knowledge, information, and belief of the Undersigned.

IF REQUESTING ISSUANCE OF A WARRANT IN A MISDEMEANOR COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING, IF APPLICABLE:

1) (a) I believe that the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because the defendant has a criminal history involving multiple States and violating his sex offender registry.

(b) I believe that the defendant poses a danger to the victim because the defendant has violated his sex offender registry in multiple States and has actively conversed with

multiple underage undercover social media accounts expressing his desire for sexual contact with underage children.

_J.C. Shikles_____	_____	___01/25/2024__
Print Name	Signature	Date

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