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COUNTY OF ADAMS)

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VS

CHRISTOPHER M LITCHFIELD

IN THE ADAMS CIRCUIT COURT

CAUSE NUMBER.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE

Count I:
Sexual Misconduct with a Minor
I.C. 35-42-4-9(b)(1)
a Level 5 Felony

Count II:
Sexual Misconduct with a Minor
I.C. 35-42-4-9(b)(1)
a Level 5 Felony

Count III:
Residential Entry
I.C. 35-43-2-1.5
a Level 6 Felony

Count IV:
Child Molting
I.C. 35-42-4-3(b)
a Level 4 Felony

Count V:
Child Molesting
I.C. 35-42-4-3(b)
a Level 4 Felony

Count VI:
Child Molesting
I.C. 35-42-4-3(b)
a Level 4 Felony

Count VII:
Child Molesting
I.C. 35-42-4-3(b)
a Level 4 Felony

Count VIII:
Child Molesting
I.C. 35-42-4-3(b)
a Level 4 Felony

Count IX:
Sexual Misconduct with a Minor
I.C. 35-42-4-9(a) and I.C. 35-42-4-9(a)(1)
a Level 4 Felony

Count X:
Sexual Misconduct with a Minor
I.C. 35-42-4-9(b)(1)

a Level 4 Felony

Count XI:
Sexual Misconduct with a Minor
I.C. 35-42-4-9(b)(1)
a Level 5 Felony

Count XII:
Sexual Misconduct with a Minor
I.C. 35-42-4-9(b)(1)
a Level 5 Felony

The undersigned deposes and says upon information and belief that Christopher M Litchfield has committed the following crime(s)

Count 1: Sexual Misconduct with a Minor, a Level 5 Felony; Count 2: Sexual Misconduct with a Minor, a Level 6 Felony; Count 3: Residential Entry, a Level 6 Felony; Count 4: Child Molesting, a Level 4 Felony; Count 5: Child Molesting, a Level 4 Felony; Count 6: Child Molesting, a Level 4 Felony; Count 7: Child Molesting, a Level 4 Felony; Count 8: Child Molesting, a Level 4 Felony; Count 9: Sexual Misconduct with a Minor, a Level 4 Felony; Count 10: Sexual Misconduct with a Minor, a Level 4 Felony; Count 11: Sexual Misconduct with a Minor, a Level 5 Felony; Count 12: Sexual Misconduct with a Minor, a Level 5 Felony, and in support thereof says as follows:

1. He is a police officer with the Adams County Sheriff's Department, had occasion to investigate the matters herein set forth, and has good cause to believe that the Defendant committed the offense(s) alleged in the affidavit.

2. Affiant states that this Affidavit of Probable Cause is not complete recital of all material facts relevant to this investigation, but is made solely for the purpose of establishing probable cause.

3. The allegations set forth herein occurred in Adams County, Indiana.

4. For the past few years, the Christopher Litchfield (hereinafter "Litchfield") has been an assistant coach for an Adams Central Community Schools (hereinafter "Adams Central") football team. Litchfield also occasionally worked as a substitute teacher for the school system. Additionally, Litchfield was permitted to come to the school during the lunch hour to speak with students on behalf of a religious organization, Campus Life. Each of the victims referenced in this report attended Adams Central during the time when the alleged criminal activity occurred.

On August 20, 2019, Boy #1 disclosed to one of his football coaches that he and some friends were getting some strange text messages that made him uncomfortable. Boy #1 stated the messages were from Litchfield.

Six boys were identified as possible recipients of messages from Litchfield, four of whom are 14 years old and the other two are 13 years old.

Deputy Ed Kutch and I spoke with Boy #2 and asked him if Litchfield had ever done or said anything that made him feel uncomfortable or that he found weird. Boy #2 stated that Litchfield asked him through SnapChat approximately 2 weeks prior, if he could "get personal" with him. Boy #2 said he responded with something like "I don't know," and then Litchfield responded again, asking if he should talk to him about "jerking off" and getting older. Boy #2 ignored this message, then Litchfield sent him another one asking him how his day was. Boy #2 said he felt uncomfortable with these texts from Litchfield. Boy #2 talked about how Litchfield would take him and his friends places and buy them food and other things, and Litchfield would just say that it was part of his job, being a youth leader for his church. We asked Boy #2 if he knew of anything else about Litchfield that was strange that we should know about, and he said that his friend, Boy #1, told him a while back that Boy #1 had received a photo of Litchfield where he could see his underwear.

After talking to Boy #2, we spoke with Boy #1. Boy #1 said that he met Litchfield when he was in 6th grade at "XS 180" which was a religious youth event. He said after this he and Litchfield started hanging out, going to church events and going out to eat with him. I asked Boy #1 if Litchfield had ever done anything bad to him. Boy #1 responded that Litchfield touched him about half way up his inner thigh (Boy #1 showed us with his hand where this occurred). Boy #1 said he told Litchfield when this happened that he was very uncomfortable with it. He said Litchfield did it a second time even after being asked to stop, so Boy #1 told him again that he was uncomfortable with it. After this, he did it a 3rd time (the most recent time) approximately 3 weeks prior to the interview at which time Boy #1 was 13 years old. Boy #1 said this would happen when he was in Litchfield's car, and Boy #1 was in the front seat with Litchfield.

Boy #1 then began to tell us about some messages he received from Litchfield via SnapChat. He said just before school started this summer, Litchfield sent him a message saying "What are your measurements?" Boy #1 said he responded "For what?" Litchfield then responded with "Your thing down below." Boy #1 said that on Sunday night (8-18-2019), Litchfield sent him a message saying "How are you doing down there?" Boy #1 responded "What do you mean?" Litchfield then responded with "Your pubes." Boy #1 said he wrote back "No." I asked him how these messages were sent to him, and he said they were on SnapChat, then Litchfield would add text to the photo. One was on a picture of a TV and one was on a picture of Litchfield's crotch, as a view from overheard while he was sitting. He said that he was wearing pants in the picture, but the camera was aimed directly at his crotch. Litchfield's face was not in that photo.

I asked Boy #1 what else Litchfield had sent him. Boy #1 said one time Litchfield also asked him how he was doing "Down there?" Boy #1 asked him "What do you mean?" and followed that message with "Can I see down there?" Boy #1's response was again a simple "No."

Boy #1 also told us that Litchfield bought a phone for him to use, and that the phone is on Litchfield's plan. Boy #1 said he is paying Litchfield for the phone, but Litchfield owns it. This concluded the interview, however we did speak with Boy #1 later on in the week again on 8-23-2019. When we spoke to him on 8-23, Boy #1 also told us that Litchfield sends him a text almost every day saying "I love you."

Later in the day on 8-20-2019, we interviewed Boy #3. Boy #3 met Litchfield in 6th grade through Campus Life. Boy #3 is also a football player for Adams Central and Litchfield is one of the assistant coaches for him, so he sees him at football events. When asked if Litchfield had ever said or done anything weird to him, Boy #3 said that before Litchfield left for basic training (he estimated approximately 6 months ago), that he asked Boy #3 his penis size in a message. Boy #3 said that Litchfield also showed him a notepad one time while on FaceTime with Boy #3, which showed all the times Litchfield had masturbated while he was at basic training for the Army National Guard. He also sent Boy #3 a picture of him on a scale in his underwear and asked Boy #3 "Did you see my bulge?" When asked if Litchfield ever touched him in a weird way, Boy #3 said one time when he was in the front seat of Litchfield's car and Litchfield was driving, Litchfield reached over and touched his leg on his knee and then Boy #3 asked him to stop. In a subsequent interview, Boy #3 stated the touching occurred in July of 2019.

After interviewing Boy #3, we spoke with Boy #4 and his mother. Boy #4 said during the summer of 2019, Litchfield sent Boy #4 a message asking his penis size, as well as told him that he "had a lot to offer" and was surprised he didn't have a girlfriend. He said Litchfield also told him that he had to leave town and join the military because he wanted to gain respect from the parents who did not like him. When I asked Boy #4 exactly how Litchfield worded the penis size conversation, this is how he remembers it: Litchfield- "What's your size?" Boy #4- "What?" Litchfield- "Penis size?" This concluded the interview with Boy #4.

On 8-21-2019 we interviewed Boy #5 and his mother. We spoke to Boy #5's mother on the phone first. She told us that Litchfield took an extra interest in Boy #5 several years back when she was going through a divorce. She said that Litchfield had a strange fascination with Boy #5, and that he eventually was banned from their house about 3 years ago due to her concerns for her kids' safety. She said one time around 12:30 AM, Litchfield came into her house through the front door and watched Boy #5 sleep. She stated Litchfield entered her home without permission. She wasn't aware of this until the next morning when her younger son reported it to her. When he did, she texted Litchfield. She said she asked him if he was at her house last night. Litchfield responded that he was, and that he had some concerns about Boy #5 so he just came over and watched him sleep for a while. She said she told Litchfield he was not allowed to be in her house anymore without her permission after that happened. She subsequently informed law enforcement the residential entry occurred in September or October of 2015.

After speaking with his mother, we spoke to Boy #5. Boy #5 said he met Litchfield when he was in 6th grade and Litchfield was in 12th grade at Adams Central, and Litchfield was a teaching assistant for some of

the younger grades. Boy #5 said that he started getting closer to Litchfield around 7th grade, and Litchfield would give Boy #5 rides home from Bible study classes. He said that Litchfield would drop Boy #5 off and would often go into his room with him and "overstay" late into the night in his room. Boy #5 said at one point Litchfield tried to get "too close" to him and Boy #5 pushed him away, which is when their relationship started degrading. I asked Boy #5 what the weirdest thing Litchfield had ever done to him was, and Boy #5 said that when Litchfield would "overstay" at his house in his room, he would give Boy #5 massages, starting at his legs and moving his way up towards his groin. Boy #5 said that Litchfield did move his hand under Boy #5's underwear and rubbed his penis several times. Boy #5 also stated that Litchfield would always tell him afterwards that it "needed to stay between us."

I asked Boy #5 how many times he believed this happened, and Boy #5 responded with "4 or 5." Boy #5 said these types of physical interactions lasted approximately an hour when they occurred, and that Litchfield would spend approximately 15 minutes in his genital area each time, which is about when Boy #5 would tell Litchfield to stop or leave. Boy #5 said that his clearest memory of these times is one night after Bible study when Litchfield came back to Boy #5's house with him and they both got on Boy #5's bed, then Litchfield gave Boy #5 a massage and it turned into the sexual events described above. Boy #5 couldn't remember the exact date this sexual interaction took place, but said he knew they had come home that night from a Bible study at The Bridge church in Decatur, and knew it took place when he lived in a particular house in Adams County. He also said these interactions typically took place between 10pm and midnight at his house, and that his mom would have been in the living room or in her room.

After interviewing Boy #5, we called his mother back and updated her. We asked her when she would have lived at the house described by Boy #5, and she stated it was approximately between fall of 2014 and summer of 2015. I later drove to her landlord's residence and spoke with the landlord who told me that she believed she rented to Boy #5's mother from approximately October 2014 to September 2015, but that she had lost the records from that long ago of rent payments. Using the birthdays of Boy #5 and Litchfield and the times this would have occurred, Boy #5 could have been either 12 or 13 years old, and Litchfield could have been either 19 or 20 years old.

I interviewed Boy #5 again on August 29, 2019. During this interview, Boy #5 stated Litchfield rubbed his penis again at Boy #5's home in Monroe, Indiana. Boy #5 lived in that home between September 2015 and July 2016. Boy #5 would have been either 13 or 14 years old at that time and Litchfield would have been either 20 or 21 years old.

Boy #5 also stated that between January and March of 2017, Litchfield took him to Litchfield's residence and into a camper located on the property. Boy #5 stated that Litchfield performed oral sex on him approximately 10 times during this period in the camper.

After the initial interview with Boy #5, we met with Boy #6. Boy #6 told us that he met Litchfield in 6th grade through XS180. Boy #6 said that Litchfield did at one point ask him how long his penis was, and if he was masturbating yet. He said Litchfield also would rub his thigh while he was in the car with him, and he would push Litchfield's hand away, and it made him feel uncomfortable. He said this happened approximately 10 times. He also stated that Litchfield sent him pictures of himself with his shirt off. Boy #6 subsequently said the last time Litchfield rubbed his thigh was in June or July of 2019. Boy #6 was 13 years old in July of 2019.

After speaking with Boy #6, we spoke with Boy #7. Boy #7 told us that he met Litchfield in 5th grade, and that the first odd thing Litchfield did was sent Boy #7 a picture of himself with his shirt off. Boy #7 said he asked Litchfield how his weight was going and Litchfield responded with a picture of him shirtless. Boy #7 said you could see the outline of his penis through his pants in the photo. Boy #7 also stated that Litchfield touched his middle thigh when they were in the car alone one time. He said he held it on his thigh for approximately 10 seconds and it made him feel uncomfortable. Boy #7 was then 14 years when Litchfield touched him.

As a result of the foregoing, the undersigned has probable cause to believe Litchfield committed the following criminal acts:

Count 1: Sexual Misconduct with a Minor – when he touched the inner thigh of Boy #1 with the intent to arouse his sexual desires

Count 2: Sexual Misconduct with a Minor – when he touched the leg of Boy #3 with the intent to arouse his sexual desires

Count 3: Residential entry – when he entered the home, without permission, of Boy #5

Counts 4-7: Child molesting – when he rubbed the penis of Boy #5 four separate times between October 2014 and September 2015

Count 8: Child molesting – when he rubbed the penis of Boy #5 at a different residence between September 2015 and July 2016.

Counts 9-10: Sexual misconduct with a minor – when he performed oral sex on Boy #5 more than once between January and March of 2017

Count 11: Sexual Misconduct with a Minor – when he rubbed the thigh of Boy #6 with the intent to arouse his sexual desires

Count 12: Sexual Misconduct with a Minor – when he touched the middle of the thigh of Boy #7 for approximately 10 seconds with the intent to arouse his sexual desires

I affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: _____



Larry H. Butler