

STATE OF MISSOURI }

Pierce City Police Department
PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENTCOUNTY OF
LAWRENCE }DATE: March 18th,
2026

CASE #:26-0021

OCN:

I, **Ofc J. Reed**, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true.

1. I have probable cause to believe that **Jonathan Kho (DOB [REDACTED])**, committed the offense(s) listed below on **02/03/2026 to 03/17/2026** in **Lawrence** County Missouri.

Charges: **Sexual Misconduct Involving a Minor- 1st offense (RsMO 566.083-002Y20236), Enticement of a Child (RsMo 566.151-001Y202564)**

State the facts that support a finding of probable cause to believe crime(s) was/were committed and that the accused committed the crime(s)

On 03/17/2026 at approximately 1600 hours, I, Officer J. Reed, received a phone call at the police station in Pierce City in reference to a past incident of a male subject enticing a female juvenile victim known as Confidential Victim 1 from social media platforms and gaming platforms.

The report of this incident came from Detective Samuel Dunn of the Republic Police Department. I spoke with Det. Dunn, who advised that a male subject later identified as Jonathan Kho was residing in Pierce City, Mo. Det. Dunn was able to identify the male subject through his phone number and DOR return. Det. Dunn had reported the subject's DOR photo matched the photos that were sent in a text thread on Discord. Det. Dunn advised that he was sent an email of the screenshots from the text thread conversation between Mr. Kho and Confidential Victim 1 on Discord by Confidential Victim 1's parents. Det. Dunn had forwarded the email and his report from the incident for the Pierce City Police Department to investigate further. It was learned that Confidential Victim 1 and her parents are located in a different state. It was learned that Confidential Victim 1 was 15 years of age. Det. Dunn advised the family of the victim had an old address for Mr. Kho from a Google search. Mr. Kho has an alias of Jonathan Hernandez. Det. Dunn advised the family had called the Republic Police Department based on the old address to report the incident. A location of the suspect was obtained from Det. Dunn asking the victim's family if their daughter had his location. Confidential Victims 1 family provided a location here in the city of Pierce City, Mo.

I received the email from Det. Dunn and began reviewing the conversation between Mr. Kho and the confidential victim. Upon reviewing the messages on Discord from the screenshots provided. I began the process to obtain a search warrant for Mr. Kho's electronic devices. Mr. Kho had made comments in the screen shots that framed wanting to have sex with Confidential Victim 1 and talked about driving up to the state where Confidential Victim 1 is located in the May time frame.

I spoke with Confidential Victim 1's family via phone due to them being out of state. The victim's family advised that they were made aware of this situation by going through their daughter's phone. The victim's family advised they contacted the proper authorities in reference to the incident. The victim's family advised that an incident report was taken by the sheriff's office where they reside. However, they weren't able to help much due to Mr. Kho being in Missouri. The victim's family stated they had spoken with their daughter about the chats on Discord. The victim's family advised that their daughter stated that if photos were recovered from the deleted chat, approximately seven to eight pictures of Mr. Kho's penis would be in the chat log. The victim's family advised they requested back chat logs from Discord; that could take approximately 30 days for Discord to release. It was learned that Mr. Kho and the Confidential Victim had met over the Fortnite gaming platform and later switched over to chatting on Discord. The victim's family had reviewed the chat and advised it looked like the conversations had been going on for approximately one month per the Discord chat. The victim's family advised the victim stated Mr. Kho was known to play on a PC gaming console. Upon further investigation, it was learned that Mr. Kho had chatted with the Confidential Victim on platforms such as Discord, PS App (PlayStation App), and Epic Games.

On 03/18/2026 at approximately 0830 hours, I, Officer J. Reed, along with Officer Vogt and Chief Norman, had located Mr. Kho walking outside of his residence with his dog present. Mr. Kho was told he needed to place his dog in the residence and that he was being detained for questioning in relation to the child case investigation, which he complied with. Mr. Kho was placed in the patrol vehicle and transported to the police station for further questioning in the investigation. Mr. Kho was cooperative the whole time. Mr. Kho was provided with a Miranda waiver statement form. I read Mr. Kho his Miranda rights, and Mr. Kho stated he understood his rights. Mr. Kho admitted to having a relationship with the Confidential Victim 1 via what all started as the Confidential Victim 1 sending him a request on a gaming platform. Mr. Kho admitted that he had spoken with Confidential Victim 1, where he knew her age and knew it was wrong, but still kept communicating with her. Mr. Kho advised that he spoke with the Confidential Victim 1 via Discord for approximately one month, and the communication started on the 3rd or 4th of February in 2026. Mr. Kho admitted that even knowing it was wrong, things got sexually exploitative in the chat between the Confidential Victim 1 and him. Mr. Kho advised he sought out a relationship because he was having issues in his personal marriage. Mr. Kho admitted to sending one penis picture to Confidential Victim 1 on Discord, but later deleted it. Mr. Kho admitted to saying that he and the Confidential Victim 1 discussed a conversation about having sex together. Mr. Kho advised Confidential Victim 1 didn't send him any nudes, as he had only sent the one photo of his penis to her. Mr. Kho was placed under arrest at the Pierce City Police Department and was transported to the Lawrence County Jail without an incident. Mr. Kho was booking into the Lawrence County Jail for a 24-hour probable cause hold, where a warrant will be requested. The warrant requested for sexual misconduct involving a minor and enticement of a child.

End of Report
Ofc J. Reed 904
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2. *For the issuance of a warrant in the misdemeanor case, complete at least one of the following.*

A. I believe the defendant will not appear in court to respond to a criminal summons because

Insert facts to show the defendant will not appear, e.g. there is an outstanding warrant for failure to appear

B. I believe the defendant poses: *Insert one or all of the following*

Insert facts showing defendant is a danger to victim, e.g. cursing victim, assaulted victim, threatened victim.

(1) a danger to a crime victim because

Insert facts showing defendant poses a danger, e.g. intoxicated to a level which is unsafe

(2) a danger to the community or to any other person because

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/s/ Ofc J.Reed



Signature

Mar 18th, 2026

Date