



Statement of Probable Cause

STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTY OF Jasper

Date: 10/18/2024

I, Det. Stephanie Castlebury, 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 that between September 2018 and November 2023 in Carl Junction, Jasper County Missouri, Craig S. Smith, a white male, committed one or more criminal offense(s) of : **565.225. Stalking, first degree. "E" Felony.**

Name: Craig S. Smith

Arrested: Not in Custody

From September 2018 when Victim 1 was in sixth grade up until November of 2023 Smith, a schoolteacher with the Carl Junction school district, has through his course of conduct disturbed Victim 1 by giving her gifts, arranging for her to have lunch with him in his office, and sending her inappropriate letters, text messages and voice messages. Since 2019, Smith has sent thousands of electronic communications to Victim 1. Most of these communications were initiated by Smith, outside of school hours, unrelated to school activities, and many of them contain inappropriate content.

Despite complaints and disciplinary action, Smith continued to find ways to have private interactions with Victim 1. When Victim 1 was promoted from the Intermediate School to the Junior High School Smith transferred to the Junior High School as well. When Victim 1 blocked Smith from social media and her phone, Smith found other methods to contact her.

As a result of Smith's ongoing course of conduct Victim 1 has experienced fear and anxiety, which has interfered with her ability to feel safe at school and interact with teachers. Smith's behavior continues to be a source of distress for her.

Print Name: Stephanie L. Castlebury Signature: Steph L Castlebury

Supervisor: _____ Signature: _____

Agency Name: Carl Junction Police Department
Agency Case Number: 24-366
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