

STATE OF INDIANA	)	IN THE WHITLEY SUPERIOR COURT
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COUNTY OF WHITLEY	)	CAUSE NO. 92D01-2110-F6-_____
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STATE OF INDIANA	)	
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VS	)	
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DAVID S. HUNECK	)	

**AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

The undersigned deposes and says upon information and belief that David S. Huneck has committed the offenses of Child Seduction, a level 6 felony; Sexual Battery, a level 6 felony; Battery, a Class B Misdemeanor; Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, a Class A Misdemeanor; and Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor, a class C misdemeanor.

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

On September 23, 2021, Officer Hunter LaRue of the Columbia City Police Department responded to a complaint of a potential sex crime. The report came from a staff member at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, located at 315 South Line Street in Columbia City, Indiana.

The complainant informed the officer that Father David Huneck (age 31), a priest at St. Paul of the Cross, had allegedly groped two (2) young women, one aged seventeen (17) years and one aged nineteen (19) years. LaRue became aware that the Department of Child Services ("DCS") had been notified and that organization had responded and prepared a report on September 21, 2021. LaRue obtained a copy of their report prior to proceeding with the investigation. Given that one of the alleged victims was an adult and the other was nearly eighteen (18) years old at the time the initial contact was made, DCS determined it did not have jurisdiction.

Officer LaRue was able to determine from the DCS that the nature of the complaint involved two (2) young females and that the initial allegation stemmed from an incident in the early morning hours of June 30, 2021. The location of the alleged incident was identified as the home provided to Fr. Huneck in his role as a priest by St. Paul of the Cross and is located in Columbia City, Indiana. The information obtained from DCS further indicated there was a separate and subsequent incident on September 17, 2021.

The officer thereafter made contact with church staff and was able to determine the names and contact information for the two young women involved. Following that, LaRue determined that Huneck had been removed from the parish by the Catholic

Diocese as well as the residence associated with the Church. At all times, both the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and St. Paul of the Cross were prompt and helpful in providing information requested by investigators.

Officer LaRue contacted the Columbia City Police Department detective bureau and relayed the information. Given that the situation did not involve imminent or immediate danger to the alleged victims, interviews were scheduled for the following day, September 24, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Victim #1 and Ms. Yolevich were interviewed separately. During those initial interviews, the officer was able to determine that the conduct giving rise to the allegations occurred on two (2) different dates: June 30, 2021 and September 17, 2021. Both incidents occurred in Whitley County at the 315 South Line Street address.

Officer LaRue then interviewed Victim #1 and Ms. Yolevich about the incidents. Victim #1 indicated that on June 30, 2021, she was seventeen (17) years old, while Ms. Yolevich stated she was 19 years of age during both incidents. Victim #1 knew Huneck from his time as Chaplain at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Ms. Yolevich acknowledged the same and indicated that she had looked up to Fr. Huneck as a role model. Huneck had invited and encouraged Victim #1 to join the church.

During the first incident, both young ladies were invited by Fr. Huneck to his residence to celebrate his birthday and eat cake. Victim #1 stated that she and Ms. Yolevich arrived at approximately 10:30 p.m. and that they were the only two people present other than Fr. Huneck. After arriving at his residence, Huneck offered them alcohol which they accepted. Neither became intoxicated. Both Victim #1 and Ms. Yolevich were clear that they did not bring alcohol to the residence but both admitted to consuming the alcohol provided by Fr. Huneck.

Both Ms. Yolevich and Victim #1 stated that Huneck became seriously intoxicated during their time at his home. Both described the following factors in making this assessment: he consumed alcohol in front of them, had slurred speech, was stumbling, pale, sweaty and vomiting.

After becoming intoxicated, Huneck repeatedly grabbed Ms. Yolevich's breasts through her clothing, despite her efforts to slap his hands away. Huneck asked Yolevich about whether she had other sexual encounters and whether she could do sexual things to him. Huneck further asked if he could touch Yolevich's breasts and whether she would "suck his dick."

Ultimately, Huneck became so intoxicated he was lying on the kitchen floor. Both young women helped him up and assisted him to his bedroom and put him to bed. While providing water and assistance, Huneck pulled Victim #1 into bed with him and touched her stomach and then her breast. According to Ms. Yolevich, Huneck at some point said that Victim #1 had "the best boobs." Victim #1 told Huneck to stop touching her and he

then did so. Victim #1 and Ms. Yolevich gave Huneck water and stayed with him until he fell asleep at which point the two left.

Following the events of June 30, 2021, both women had several, normal interactions with Fr. Huneck. Huneck had apologized and both women were willing to forgive his conduct as out-of-character and as the result of intoxication. Both indicated that while they were very concerned the night of the incident, both considered Fr. Huneck a friend and spiritual advisor. They wanted to believe his conduct would not happen again and Ms. Yolevich indicated that she was capable of forgiving but “would not forget.”

However, on September 17, 2021 Huneck again invited Victim #1 and Ms. Yolevich back to his home. Given his apologies and his normal behavior over the preceding weeks, both young ladies agreed that they would go together. Both continued to regard Fr. Huneck as a central figure in their faith.

As soon as they arrived, however, Huneck again provided them alcohol again and invited them to watch a movie. Both women accepted the alcohol. While watching the movie and consuming the alcohol, Huneck again became intoxicated. Huneck then began grabbing and groping Ms. Yolevich’s buttocks. Specifically, Ms. Yolevich explained that he was grabbing her buttocks through her clothes and grabbed hold of her underwear to pull her back down to him. At some point during this physical assault, both women describe Huneck as exposing his penis to them. One of the girls yelled: “Father David, no!” while this was occurring. Both left shortly thereafter.

Following the interviews, Ms. Yolevich provided text messages to Officer LaRue. These text messages were sent to her phone from “Fr. David.” In the texts, Huneck apologizes for his behavior and states that he may be relegated to the “bad priest list.” She also provided text messages Huneck sent to her on September 18, 2021 in which he again apologizes for his behavior.

I AFFIRM UNDER THE PAINS AND PENALTIES FOR PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING REPRESENTATIONS ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.



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Columbia City Police Department