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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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ARTICLE 2
INITIATION OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO
IN THE METROPOLITAN COURT

CLERK-METROPOLITAN COURT
BY K. Martinez

Name: Sean A. Rhea
Address: 1017 Colt Ln SE
Albuquerque, NM 87123
D.O.B. 10/19/1987
S.S.N. 585-69-1204
Charge(s): **Child solicitation by electronic communication device**

Arrest Date:
Driver Lic. #: 507183441
Citation #:
Arrest #:
Docket # 4 FR 2024 - 07278
Date Filed:

10-11-24

Affiant – Detective Delaney Grimes Man #: 348

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT – ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned, under penalty of perjury, complains and says that on or about the 7th day of October 2024, in the County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, the above-named defendant(s) did commit the above. *It should be noted that this document is not an inclusive account of all facts known by affiant; this document only serves to establish probable cause for this arrest warrant issuance.*

On October 9, 2024, Affiant (hereby referred to as I) was tasked with being a case agent reference a child solicitation case.

On October 7st-8th, 2024, a sworn and certified BCSO Detective, posed as an O.C.E (online covert employee). The O.C.E. posed as a thirteen-year-old juvenile female identified as “Lex” on Badoo. Badoo is an internet based social network for online dating.

On October 7, 2024 just before 9:47 PM, O.C.E. received a message from Sean Rhea on Badoo. Sean’s profile had his first and last name and a profile picture of his face which helped us identify him. This initial message from Sean stated, “Nice to meet you Lex [emoji] How are you?”. Once Lex responds with “Hey”, Sean responds with, “How are you doing today” and “Im sean nice to meet you”. Sean asks O.C.E. what she are doing that night and tells her, “Your a hottie just thought id get that out there right away lol”. Sean provides the O.C.E with his phone number as 505-445-6009.

O.C.E. and Sean Rhea begin texting through the 505-445-6009 number.

Sean Rhea began messaging O.C.E. “Lex” on October 7, 2024 on the dating application Badoo. The O.C.E. told Sean she was about to turn 14YO indicating she is 13YO. Sean Rhea told the O.C.E. he wanted to have sex with her multiple times, and he sent a photo and video of his penis to the O.C.E. after she told him she was 13YO. Sean asked for explicit photos of the O.C.E. and asked to meet up with her multiple times. When asked what he wanted to do, Sean told the O.C.E that he wanted to have sex with her. Again, he told her this after she told him she was 13YO. Sean Rhea was identified using law enforcement databases, his photograph in his profile, and his name.

Additionally, Sean Rhea began chatting with a different O.C.E. on Thursday, October 3, 2024 through an ad on Locanto. This O.C.E was a sworn and certified FBI Agent. Locanto is an Internet based website where users can post ads that allow them to chat and meet new people. Sean Rhea begins texting this O.C.E. using phone number 505-445-6009, the same phone number he used to message the previous chatter.

The O.C.E provided her age at least two times while chatting with Sean Rhea. His phone number was the same number used in the previous chat and the photo he sent of his face was the same male. Sean made plans to meet with the O.C.E. at her house after she told him she was 12YO. He stated he intended to have sex with her and gave an explanation on how he would do that. He said he would bring a condom indicating he intended to have sex. Sean sends a message stating he shouldn't be messaging older guys like him and provides his age as 37YO. He writes that he is too old to be talking dirty to a 13YO.

Sean Rhea, named defendant in the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, State of New Mexico, knowingly and intentionally solicited, two children at least thirteen but less than sixteen years of age, by means of an electronic communication device to engage in sexual intercourse, sexual contact, a sexual or obscene performance, or any other sexual conduct and the defendant was at least four years older than the child pursuant to the solicitation, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-37-3.2.

Affiant respectfully requests this arrest warrant be approved for the aforementioned charges.
Approved by AAG John Duran on 10/10/2024

Child solicitation by electronic communication device (30-37-3.2) X2

NMSA 1978.

I SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FACTS SET FORTH ABOVE ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY INFORMATION AND BELIEF. I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT.



JUDGE

Delaney Grimes 348
Delaney Grimes

AFFIANT

October 11th, 2024

DATE

10/9/2024

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DATE

MAN NO.

John Duran

10/10/2024

SO24100014702

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATE

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This complaint may not be filed without the prior payment of a filing fee, unless approved by the District Attorney or a law enforcement officer authorized to serve an Arrest or Search Warrant. Approval of the District Attorney or a law enforcement officer is not other wise required.

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METROPOLITAN COURT RULE 7-201

Approved: Supreme Court, October 1, 1974; amended effective September 1, 1990; April 1, 1991; November 1, 1991.

- Court

- Defendant

- Attorney

- District Attorney