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PRESS RELEASE

Nick Goepper Takes Responsibility for a Mistake.

Nick Goepper was charged today in Dearborn Superior Court No. 1 with one count of criminal mischief. On August 8, 2014, Nick Goepper suffered an anxiety attack due to depression and committed several acts of vandalism on citizens of Hidden Valley Lake. The investigation had no suspects, but Nick Goepper and his family came forward to accept responsibility for his actions. At this time, Nick Goepper has paid all restitution to the victims for the damage he committed.

Nick Goepper has also apologized to the Dearborn County Sheriff's Department and has personally apologized to the victims. As a result of him accepting responsibility for his actions, the Dearborn-Ohio County Prosecutor's Office has entered into a diversion agreement which will result in a dismissal of the charge after one year as long as Mr. Goepper does not commit any further criminal acts.

"This case had no suspects at the time that Nick Goepper came forward and admitted to his actions. If Nick Goepper had not cooperated, these victims would not have been made whole and the crime would be unsolved. The fact that he came forward speaks to the tremendous character of Nick Goepper and his family. We hope that Nick is able to put this behind him and continues to have great success," stated Dearborn-Ohio County Prosecuting Attorney, Aaron Negangard.

Nick Goepper is represented by Attorney Andrew Baudendistel.

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE DEARBORN SUPERIOR COURT NO. 1
COUNTY OF DEARBORN) SS: GENERAL TERM, 2014

STATE OF INDIANA) INFORMATION FOR:
VS.) CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
I.C. 35-43-1-2(a)(1)
CLASS A MISDEMEANOR

NICK GOEPPER)
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CLERK OF DEARBORN CIRCUIT COURT

CAUSE NO. 15D01-1412-CM-797

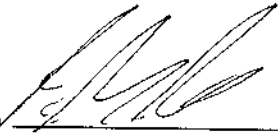
I, Jack D. Stevens, do hereby affirm under penalties of perjury that: On or about August 8, 2014, in Dearborn County, State of Indiana, Nick Goepper did recklessly, knowingly or intentionally damage or deface property of William E. Dillaha; Phillip S. Cooper; Matthew R. Davis; James A. Moore; Jason K. Craig; Sherwood L. Woodyard; Robert Gebhard, and Olivia G. Ruthman, to-wit: did damage their vehicles by throwing rocks at said vehicles, without their consent.

All of which is contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided, to-wit: I.C. 35-43-1-2(a)(1), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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

Jack D. Stevens HV-6

Jack D. Stevens
Dearborn County Sheriff's Department

Approved by me,  , Prosecuting Attorney for the
Seventh Judicial Circuit, this 19th day of December, 2014.

STATE OF INDIANA

) IN THE DEARBORN SUPERIOR COURT

) ss:

COUNTY OF DEARBORN

) GENERAL TERM, 2014

Nick Goepper

IN THE MATTER OF

) CAUSE NO. 15D01-1412-CM-797

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION IN

DEARBORN COUNTY, INDIANA)

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

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Comes now Jack D. Stevens and hereby swears or affirms as follows:

1. That at all times pertinent to the matters discussed herein, your affiant has been employed as a police officer with the Dearborn County Sheriff's Department.

2. That on or about August 8, 2014, your affiant came to investigate Nick Goepper for allegedly committing the crime(s) of: Criminal Mischief I.C. 35-43-1-2(a).

3. That in regard to this matter, your affiant personally observed the following:

On 08/08/2014 at approximately 06:36 A.M. your affiant, was working in Hidden Valley Lake in Dearborn County Indiana. Your affiant received a complaint of criminal mischief on station. The complainant James A. Moore stated vehicles are getting struck by rocks on Alpine Drive near the Hidden Valley Lake Sports Complex.

Upon arrival your affiant observed a blue Chevy truck stopped in the roadway. Your affiant observed a male dressed in all black standing near the wood line on Alpine Drive. Your affiant observed the male take off into the woods. Your affiant gave foot chase after the male. Your affiant advised the male to "stop sheriff's office" three times. Your affiant observed the male continue to run, not showing any signs of giving up. Your affiant observed a pile of rocks along the roadway where the male ran into the woods. Your affiant took a criminal mischief damage report from Mathew R. Davis. Your affiant observed damage to the passenger side door of Mr. Davis blue 1997 Chevy 1500 truck bearing IN GO5586. The damage amount to Mr. Davis vehicle was \$1,519.98. Mr. Davis stated he observed a male dressed in black along the roadway of Alpine Drive near the sports complex. Mr. Davis observed the male throw a rock at the passenger side of his blue Chevy truck. Mr. Davis stopped and waited for police to arrive. Your affiant took a criminal mischief damage report from James A. Moore. Your affiant observed damage to the passenger side door of Mr. Moore's blue 2012 Honda CR-V bearing IN DKH383. The damage amount to Mr. Moore's vehicle was \$848.58. Mr. Moore stated he did not see anyone throw the rock. Mr. Moore stated as he was traveling on Alpine Drive near the sports complex and a rock struck the side of his vehicle. Your affiant took a criminal mischief damage report from Olivia G. Ruthman. Your affiant observed damage to the roof of Mrs. Ruthman's blue 2011 Honda Civic bearing IN VUG153. The damage amount to Mrs. Ruthman's vehicle was \$851.56. Mrs. Ruthman stated she heard a noise on Alpine Drive in the area of the sport's complex. Mrs. Ruthman stated when she got to her destination she noticed the damage. Your affiant took a criminal mischief damage report from Sherwood L. Woodyard. Your affiant observed damage to the front driver's side fender of Mr. Woodyard's maroon 1999 Toyota Tacoma bearing IN TOJO111. The damage amount to Mr. Woodyard's vehicle was \$1,843.99. Mr. Woodyard stated he did not know what struck his vehicle on Alpine Drive at the sports complex. Mr. Woodyard stated he observed the damage at home. Your affiant took a criminal mischief damage report from William E. Dillaha. Your affiant observed damage to the passenger side door of Mr. Dillaha's red 2008 Jeep Rubicon bearing IN SBS665. The damage amount to Mr. Dillaha's vehicle was \$1,155.76. Mr. Dillaha stated he heard the rock strike his vehicle, and that was it. Mr. Dillaha was traveling on Alpine Drive at the sports complex. Your affiant took a criminal mischief damage report from Robert Gebhard. Your affiant observed damage to the passenger side door of Mr. Gebhard's black 2005 GMC Sierra

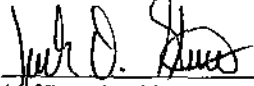
1500 bearing OH PGM1445. The damage amount to Mr. Gebhard's vehicle was \$933.21. Mr. Gebhard stated he heard something hit his truck on Alpine Drive near the sports complex, but was not sure what. Your affiant took a criminal mischief damage report from Jason K. Craig. Your affiant observed damage to the passenger side door of Mr. Craig's gray 2004 Pontiac Grand AM bearing IN 187NFN. The damage amount to Mr. Craig's vehicle was \$287.25. Mr. Craig stated he heard the rock hit his vehicle on Alpine Drive near the sports complex. Your affiant took a criminal mischief damage report from Phillip S. Cooper. Your affiant observed damage to the passenger side door of Mr. Cooper's gold 2006 Ford Taurus bearing IN RUW207. The damage amount to Mr. Cooper's vehicle was \$803.43. Mr. Cooper stated his car got struck on Alpine Drive at the sports complex. Mr. Cooper stated he went through the area twice, and got struck both times. The total for damages is \$8,243.76.

4. That your affiant was told by Prosecutor Aaron Negangard that (he) observed the following: Your affiant was advised by Prosecutor Aaron Negangard that he had been told by Attorney Andrew Baudendistel that his client had came forward, and wanted to take responsibility for his actions on August 8, 2014. That Prosecutor Aaron Negangard further advised that Baudendistel's client who had yet to be identified wanted to meet and tell us what happened. On 10/03/2014 Nick Goepper, Nick's father Christian Goepper, Attorney Andrew Baudendistel, and Prosecutor Aaron Negangard meet in his office. At said meeting Nick Goepper apologized for his actions, took full responsibility for his actions and admitted to throwing the rocks at cars due to an anxiety attack brought on by depression.

5. That your affiant also obtained the following facts: that Nick Goepper did knowingly intentionally or recklessly did criminal mischief. All events took place in Dearborn County, State of Indiana.

6. That based upon the foregoing facts, your affiant believes that probable cause exists to believe that Nick Goepper has committed the following crime(s): Criminal Mischief I.C. 35-43-1-2(a).

I (WE) AFFIRM, UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY, THAT THE FOREGOING REPRESENTATION(S) IS (ARE) TRUE

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(Affiant's Signature)

Jack D. Stevens HV-6
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STATE OF INDIANA)
)
COUNTY OF DEARBORN)

ss:

The foregoing having been examined by me this _____ day of _____,
_____, at _____ M. this Court now finds that it contains facts sufficient to establish probable
cause for a summons/warrant for the appearance/arrest and detainer of _____
for the crime(s) of: _____.

The Court further Orders the Clerk of the Dearborn Superior Court to issue said summons/warrant.

Judge, Dearborn Superior Court