

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
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COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA)

IN CIRCUIT COURT
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MAGISTRATE DIVISION

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
Plaintiff,

SFPD 23-006238

vs.

COMPLAINT

CARTER MICHAEL RONKE,
Defendant.

0123-1945

- 1 Rape, First Degree
- 2 Sexual Contact With A Child Under The Age Of Sixteen

The undersigned being first duly sworn on oath complains and charges:

Count 1

That the Defendant, Carter Michael Ronke, in Minnehaha County, State of South Dakota, on or about March 29, 2023, in that he did accomplish an act of sexual penetration with any person who is less than thirteen years of age, to-wit: Carter Michael Ronke did accomplish an act of sexual penetration with [REDACTED], D.O.B. [REDACTED] in violation of SDCL 22-22-1(1) (Cl. C felony); contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of South Dakota. contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of South Dakota.

Count 2

That the Defendant, Carter Michael Ronke, in Minnehaha County, State of South Dakota, on or about March 29, 2023, in that he did, being sixteen years of age or older, knowingly engage in sexual contact with another person, other than his spouse, when such other person was under the age of sixteen years, to-wit: Carter Michael Ronke, did knowingly engage in sexual contact with [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] who was not his spouse, in violation of SDCL 22-22-7, (Cl. 3 felony); contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of South Dakota. contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of South Dakota.



Deputy States Attorney
Minnehaha County, South Dakota

Subscribed and sworn to before me this March 31, 2023.

[Handwritten Signature]

My commission expires:

4/5/2028

Initial Appearance Date: at

REQUEST FOR ARREST WARRANT
THE UNDERSIGNED ATTORNEY
HEREBY REQUEST AN ARREST
WARRANT BE ISSUED BASED ON
THE ABOVE COMPLANT



[Handwritten Signature]

Deputy States Attorney
Minnehaha County, South Dakota

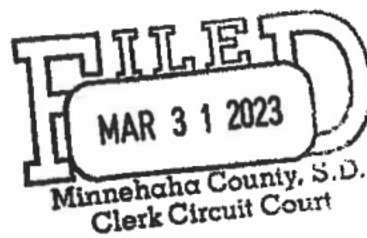
DOB:



Address:

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Arresting Officer: Detective Cole German



4. ██████ stated she noticed blood in her daughter's urine after she used the restroom later in the evening. She stated she wiped the Victim's vaginal area and noticed blood on the toilet paper. She also said she looked closely at the Victim's vaginal area and explained that her "hole was open".
5. ██████ said the Victim then said something to the effect of "My butt hurts really bad!". ██████ said she asked what happened and the Victim said "He stuck his finger up there" and "Mommy Carter did it". She reported the Victim said "He told me to touch him, then he touched me". She also said they were "playing a game". ██████ said that occurred "at nap time". She also reported the Victim was giggly and laughing as she explained what happened.
6. ██████ said the Victim was apprehensive to go to daycare during the last week or so. She also said the Victim was constantly crying and moody which was unusual. Present at the hospital was the Victim's grandmother ██████ ██████ DOB ██████. ██████ said the Victim told her "It hurts grandma, it hurts" and "Carter did it".
7. Officer Stancer spoke with Sanford Doctor Donald Ellis. Dr. Ellis reported he viewed one of the photographs taken by the SANE nurse and there was obvious trauma and an abnormality to the Victim's vaginal area.
8. Your Affiant was assigned to investigate the case on March 30th, 2023. Your Affiant contacted CPS and State Licensing. Your Affiant also called and spoke with the Director/Owner of For The Love of Children ██████ ██████ DOB ██████. She advised she would send the defendant CARTER MICHAEL RONKE DOB ██████ home. Your Affiant advised I would respond down to speak with him.
9. Your Affiant spoke with the defendant and he was informed he didn't have to speak with me and could leave at any time. The defendant reported he worked in the Tiger Room and then in the Alligator Room later in the day when the rooms combine. He stated that the previous Friday he had been alone with the children from 1330 hours to 1600 hours. He stated normally someone else is in the room with him but not on that day.
10. The defendant said he was not allowed to change children. He said he would take children to the bathroom however. He said he had helped a boy and female wipe before.

11. Your Affiant talked to the defendant's about DNA. The defendant immediately reported he had touched the Victim's hand or hands the previous day and that she sticks her hands down her pants. When asked where she would touch he said he didn't know because it's under a blanket. He denied that his DNA would be present at her vaginal or butt area otherwise.
12. Your Affiant asked if the defendant's semen would be present on the Victim's person. The defendant responded with "No, shouldn't be, not even close". Your Affiant later received a message from the defendant on March 30th, 2023 at 1128 hours that said "i have a question regarding the situation, so if you had semen on your hands but you washed your hands and it was 40 mins later but they grabbed your hand then touched themselves could the semen be found in that area?".
13. The Victim was seen the same day March 30th, 2023 for Child's Voice where she was interviewed. The Victim reported she was touched by Carter who was going to jail and she wasn't going there anymore. She said Carter touched her private and blood was coming out. She said it happened one day and not more than one day.
14. The Victim reported she went potty and blood was coming out. She described Carter as a kid grown up. The Victim said the defendant touched her private with his finger and had sharp fingers. She said this happened in her classroom. She reported she was playing with toys and Carter pulled her pants down and touched it. She said she had underwear on and that he put his finger in her underwear. The Victim reported his sharp fingers touched inside and outside her private.
15. The Victim denied touching to her butt or anyone asking her to touch her privates or to touch theirs. CPS worker Warne informed me at the end of the interview the Victim drew a picture and said it was a girl walking or running away from a scary scary guy.
16. ARPN CNP Kelly Wharton said compared to the photo from the previous day there was a lot less swelling but did see contusion and petechiae to the Victim's genitalia. She later described the area as hyminal tissue. She said the injuries could be from the previous 24-48 hours and that injuries to that area resolve quickly.

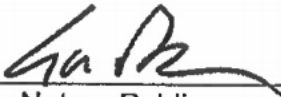
17. Your Affiant did speak with [REDACTED] I asked who was in her household and she said it was her and her two children. She said her son also attended the daycare in a different room. [REDACTED] reported she and the daycare were the only people who cared for the Victim in the recent days.

18. All of these events occurred in Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

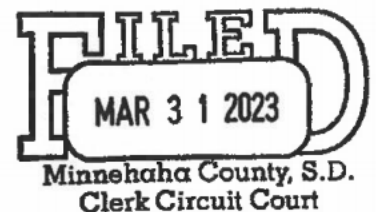
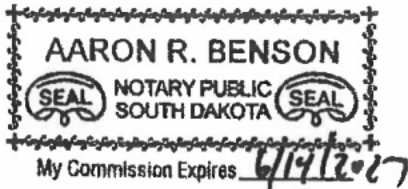


Cole German

Subscribed and sworn before me this 31st day of March, 2023.



Notary Public



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Plaintiff,

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WARRANT OF ARREST

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CR123-1945

THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA TO ANY SHERIFF OR PEACE OFFICER OF THIS STATE:

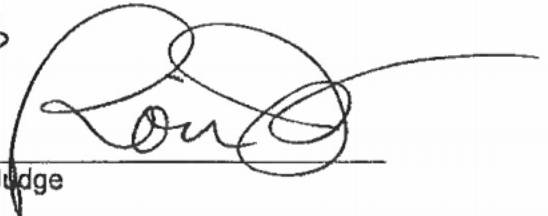
A Complaint upon oath having been laid before me charging Carter Michael Ronke with the crime(s) of:

- 1 Rape, First Degree F(C)
- 2 Sexual Contact With A Child Under The Age Of Sixteen F(3)

YOU ARE COMMANDED FORTHWITH to arrest the above named Carter Michael Ronke and bring this person before the Circuit Court/Magistrate Court of Minnehaha County to answer said Complaint or if the Court has adjourned that you deliver this person into the custody of the Sheriff of Minnehaha County, South Dakota, to be held on 100,000 cash bond.

Dated this 31 day of March, 2023

BY THE COURT:



Judge

Defendant's Name: CARTER MICHAEL RONKE
Defendant's DOB: [REDACTED]
Defendant's Address: , ,

SERVED
MAR 31 2023

RETURN

I hereby certify that a copy of the above Warrant of Arrest was received by me on the

_____ day of _____, 20____,

I executed the same on the

_____ day of _____, 20____, by delivering a copy to

Law Enforcement Officer

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Clerk Circuit Court