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Waupaca County Courts

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN      CIRCUIT COURT      WAUPACA COUNTY**

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiff,

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

vs.

CASE TYPE: CF

ANDREW J SHOWERS  
404 E MAIN ST  
MADISON, WI 53703  
DOB: 01/20/1988  
SEX/RACE: M/W  
EYE COLOR: BLUE  
HAIR COLOR: BLONDE  
HEIGHT: 5 FT 9 IN  
WEIGHT: 180 LBS

DA CASE #:  
2025WP001063

AGENCY CASE #:  
C25-05145

DA/ADA ASSIGNED:  
KAT TURNER

Defendant.

JUDGE ASSIGNED:

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states that:

**Count 1: ATTEMPT USE OF A COMPUTER TO FACILITATE A CHILD SEX CRIME**

The above-named defendant on or between August 19, 2025 and August 24, 2025, in the City of Clintonville, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, attempted to use a computerized communication system to communicate with an individual who the actor believed or had reason to believe had not attained the age of 16 years with intent to have sexual contact or sexual intercourse with the individual in violation of s. 948.02 (1) or (2), contrary to sec. 948.075(1r), 939.50(3)(c), 939.32 Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class C Felony, the defendant may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than forty (40) years, or both.

And furthermore, invoking the provisions of Wisconsin Statute Section 939.617(1), upon conviction the Court shall impose a bifurcated sentence including a term of initial confinement for at least five years.

**Count 2: ATTEMPT CHILD ENTICEMENT**

The above-named defendant on or between August 19, 2025 and August 24, 2025, in the City of Clintonville, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, with intent to, attempted to a child under the age of 18, FICTITIOUS CHILD, DOB 05/25/2011, to go into a, contrary to sec. 948.07(3), 939.50(3)(d), 939.32 Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class D Felony, the defendant may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than twenty five (25) years, or both.

**Count 3: ATTEMPT 2ND DEGREE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE**

The above-named defendant on or between August 19, 2025 and August 24, 2025, in the City of Clintonville, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, attempted to have sexual contact with a child under the age

of sixteen, FICTITIOUS CHILD, DOB 05/25/2011, contrary to sec. 948.02(2), 939.50(3)(c), 939.32 Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, an attempt to commit a Class C Felony, the defendant may be fined not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), or imprisoned not more than twenty (20) years, or both.

### **PROBABLE CAUSE:**

Your complainant is an officer with the Clintonville Police Department. Your complainant makes this complaint upon information and belief and upon reports and records of the Clintonville Police Department. Your complainant has relied upon these records in the past and has found them to be truthful and reliable.

On August 10, 2025 Sgt. Bartel was performing online undercover investigations posing as a 14-year-old girl called Abby (the fictitious child). In this complaint references to "ABBY" or undercover account would be in reference to Sgt. Bartel's fictitious child persona used for investigations of internet crimes against children. For this investigation, Sgt. Bartel did utilize images of another officer who did consent to the use of these images. These were edited using computer photo editing software to make the person in the images appear to be 14 years of age. All images that are sent originated from Sgt. Bartel or another employee of the Clintonville Police Department.

During his online investigations SGT. BARTEL utilized a website called Reddit. Reddit is a messaging platform that has different interests and topics listed into pages called Subreddits. For this investigation SGT. BARTEL was utilizing the subreddit called Fox Valley Blowjobs and created a post on the subreddit. There is no age verification and anyone is able to post on these pages with an account and bypass any age filters. For this post SGT. BARTEL indicated that he was a female looking for a male and asked if there was anybody from Wisconsin.

Reddit user DFALK7 sent a private message in which he indicated that he was a 36-year-old male by Bailey's Harbor but was only there for the week. Sgt. Bartel replied back indicating that Abby was 14-years-old. DFALK7 then went on to indicate that he was from Madison and in the area for vacation. After receiving this message request Sgt. Bartel was off of work and did not maintain constant contact. During days off DFALK7 did continue to send messages wishing to speak. On 08/16/2025 Sgt. Bartel did return for scheduled shift and continued the conversation with DFALK7.

Ongoing conversations became increasingly sexually explicit by DFALK7 asking about Abby's favorite sexual positions, how many orgasms Abby had experienced, and wanting information regarding Abby's previous sexual experiences with older men. DFALK7 then indicated that he did not work on Mondays and would like to meet up with Abby on a Monday. When Sgt. Bartel asked DFALK7 what he wished to do together DFALK7 indicated that he would like to have oral sex as well as intercourse with Abby. DFALK7 sent a photograph of himself shirtless with his penis partially exposed and requesting a full body photograph of Abby in return.

The conversations were then moved to an application called Telegram. DFALK7 began using the Telegram username DSCHAUER001. on 08/18/2025 he sent a message indicating that he wishes he could join Abby in bed. He then proposed meeting in person on Monday, 08/25/2025, before he leaves for California. He then asked if he should come to the Abby's house or get a hotel. He then wanted to ensure that Abby was not menstruating at the time of the meeting. He then asked to see a full-body picture of Abby and a computer generated/altered image of a female figure with female clothing. He again asked what Abby's favorite sexual position was and Sgt. Bartel again deflected that question and he continued on with casual conversation. He asked what Abby's favorite food was and Sgt. Bartel indicated that he/Abby liked sushi and he stated that he was going to bring some when he comes to visit.

Suspect ultimately indicated that he had made arrangements to get a room at the Cobblestone Inn and stated his intentions to perform cunnilingus on Abby and "suck on" Abby "all day." Suspect indicated he would meet up with Abby between 7 and 8PM on Sunday 08/24/2025. Following this, suspect stated that he wanted additional information regarding Abby's sexual history and wanting to know when she lost her virginity and how many times a day she would be able to have sexual intercourse. Suspect asked Abby whether she would require him to wear a condom and her masturbation habits. Suspect advised he wanted to have a good time and a lot of sex with Abby. Arrangements were made to meet up at Pigeon Lake/Wayside Park in the city of Clintonville.

On Sunday, 08/24/2025 at approximately 6PM members of Clintonville Police Department were assigned to special detail for the ongoing internet crimes against children case involving the above suspect undertaken by Sgt. Bartel.

At approximately 7:29PM Officer Lebreck visually saw a vehicle, matching the description pulling into the Pigeon Lake Wayside/Park. Officer Lebreck notified other units and began traveling toward the entrance. The first vehicle to enter the park was Officer ROLLIN and Officer PRICE. Officer Lebreck was the secondary vehicle. Once in the park Officer Lebreck activated squad emergency lights. Patrol cars were positioned to do a high-risk traffic stop on the suspect vehicle.

Officers were visually able to identify the driver of the vehicle as the same individual who was depicted in the images sent to Sgt. Bartel's fictitious child persona "Abby." The suspect was alone in the vehicle. Suspect exited the vehicle when instructed to do so and was taken into custody without incident. Search of the person of the suspect incident to arrest resulted in the following items of evidentiary value being seized:

- Two plastic cards in a paper holder, which are identified as hotel room keys for the Cobblestone Inn.
- A wallet, which contained a Wisconsin drivers license, some US currency, and credits cards bearing the name of Andrew Showers.
- One small white pill later identified as Sildenafil (commonly know by the brand name Viagra which is a prescription medication used to treat erectile dysfunction in men).

At approximately 7:39PM the subject, now identified as ANDREW SHOWERS (DOB: 01/20/1988) was transported to the Clintonville Police Department and placed in an interview room. Andrew was read his *Miranda* rights and waived same in writing. After being properly *Mirandized* Andrew drafted a letter addressed to "Abby" wherein he apologized for his actions stating that he had put his "own desires, wants, and brokenness before [her] wellbeing... and I am sorry that you were the recipient and victim of my poor decisions and selfish pursuits."

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 08/27/25

Electronically Signed By:

Nicholas W. Bolz

Assistant District Attorney

State Bar #: 1052394

Electronically Signed By:

Chief Craig A. Freitag

Complainant