

# Kissimmee Police Department

Incident Case Number: 24-001809

Reporting Agency: Kissimmee Police

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# INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

INCIDENT DATE	Agency Name <i>Kissimmee Police Department</i>				Case# <i>24-001809</i>	
	ORI <i>FL0490200</i>				Date / Time Reported <i>02/27/2024 22:09 Tue</i>	
	Location of Incident <i>Sexual Offense Identity</i>			Gang Relat <i>NO</i>	Premise Type <i>Residence/home</i>	Beat/LawAgcy <i>50</i>
				Last Known Secure <i>02/27/2024 22:08 Tue</i>		At Found <i>02/27/2024 22:09 Tue</i>
	#1	Crime Incident(s) (Com) <i>Battery Capital Sexual BCS</i>			Weapon / Tools <i>Unknown</i>	
			F	Entry	Exit	Security
#2	Crime Incident ( )			Weapon / Tools		Activity
				Entry	Exit	Security
#3	Crime Incident ( )			Weapon / Tools		Activity
				Entry	Exit	Security

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VICTIM	# of Victims <i>I</i>	Type: <i>INDIVIDUAL (NOT A LE OFFICER)</i>		Injury: <i>Other Major Injury</i>		Domestic: <i>N</i>
	<i>Sexual Offense Identity</i>					
	Employer Name/Address				Business Phone	Mobile Phone
	VYR	Make	Model	Style	Color	Lic/Lis

OTHERS INVOLVED	CODES: V- Victim (Denote V2, V3) WI = Witness IO = Involved Other RP = Reporting Person (if other than victim)											
	Type: <i>INDIVIDUAL (NOT A LE OFFICER)</i>					Injury:						
	Code <i>IO</i>	Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>SOTO, JENNIFER LISSETTE</i>				Victim of Crime #	DOB <i>03/02/1988</i> Age <i>35</i>	Race <i>W</i>	Sex <i>F</i>	Relationship To Offender	Resident Status <i>Resident</i>	Military Branch/Status
	Home Address <i>4012 SANTA MARIA DR - 107 KISSIMMEE, FL 34741</i>						Email			Home Phone		
	Employer Name/Address						Business Phone			Mobile Phone		
	Type: <i>INDIVIDUAL (NOT A LE OFFICER)</i>					Injury:						
	Code <i>IO</i>	Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>STERNS, STEPHAN MICHAEL</i>				Victim of Crime #	DOB <i>04/25/1986</i> Age <i>37</i>	Race <i>W</i>	Sex <i>M</i>	Relationship To Offender	Resident Status <i>Resident</i>	Military Branch/Status
	Home Address <i>4012 SANTA MARIA DR - 107 KISSIMMEE, FL 34741</i>						Email			Home Phone		
	Employer Name/Address						Business Phone			Mobile Phone		

1 = None 2 = Burned 3 = Counterfeit / Forged 4 = Damaged / Vandalized 5 = Recovered 6 = Seized 7 = Stolen 8 = Unknown ("OJ" = Recovered for Other Jurisdiction)

VI #	Code	Status Frm/To	Value	OJ	QTY	Property Description	Make/Model	Serial Number

Officer/ID#	<i>CLARK, T. J. (PATR, PLTB) (909)</i>	
Invest ID#	<i>MORRIS, M. J. (CID, MCU) (515)</i>	Supervisor <i>ORTIZ, J. I. (PATR, PLTB) (534)</i>
Status	Complainant Signature	Case Status <i>Cleared By Arrest</i> <i>05/13/2024</i>
		Case Disposition:

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Status Codes    L = Lost    S = Stolen    R = Recovered    D = Damaged    Z = Seized    B = Burned    C = Counterfeit / Forged    F = Found

	UCR	Status	Quantity	Type Measure	Suspected Type	Up to 3 types of activity
D R U G S						

Assisting Officers  
*SHAFFER, A.R. (895), OWENS, J.K. (914), ORTIZ, J.I. (534), ILLGEN, B.J. (650), MORRIS, M.J. (515), SMALLWOOD, C.E. (803)*

Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated:    *NONE (NO BIAS)*

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NARRATIVE

**REPORTING OFFICER NARRATIVE**

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Victim Sexual Offense Identity	Offense BATTERY CAPITAL SEXUAL
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On 2/26/2024 at approximately 2355 hours, I, Officer Clark #909, responded to 4012 Santa Maria Drive apartment 107 in reference to an attempt to locate in reference to a missing juvenile case (report #24-011313) the Orange County Sheriffs Office are working (KPD event #2402260405).

Prior to arrival, I was advised that the Orange County Sheriffs Office (OCSO) is working on a missing juvenile whose primary residence is the aforementioned address. I was advised by LT Ortiz #534 to return to the aforementioned address and make contact with the family, again, and advise if Madeline Soto (DOB 2/22/2011) returned home.

Upon arrival, I spoke with Jennifer Soto (Madeline`s mother) and Stephan Sterns (Jennifer`s boyfriend) who both provided me with a verbal statement summarized as follows: On the morning of 2/27/2024, Stephan took Madeline to school in a silver 2010 Lincoln MKZ (IYLL82-FL). Stephan dropped Madeline off a block away from school due to her not wanting to be seen in an old Lincoln. They stated that Madeline forgot her phone at home, and that Madeline has ADHD and is usually forgetful. They stated that Madeline did not take any personal items or leave any notes hinting to her running away. They stated they have not had any recent arguments. Jennifer and I looked through Madeline`s cellphone, including her recently deleted messages, which did not contain anything suspicious or hinting to her wanting to run away. There was a text message Madeline sent to a friend, stating when she turns 18 years old, she wants to live in the woods.

Jennifer and Stephan allowed me to search the residence with negative results for Madeline. Stephan took me to each family member`s vehicles outside of the residence with negative results for Madeline inside any vehicles. I observed a handgun in the rear back pocket of the driver`s seat in the Lincoln MKZ, which Stephan stated he usually leaves it in the vehicle. Stephan also advised me not to pay attention to the donut tire on his vehicle, due to him recently catching a flat tire earlier that day.

Jennifer provided me with her sister`s address, 2317 Carriage Run Road, which is within walking distance from Santa Maria Drive.

I responded to 2317 Carriage Run Road and spoke with Jennifer`s sister who stated she has not seen Madeline since her birthday party on 2/26/2024. She allowed me to search her residence with negative results for Madeline. She allowed me to look in her vehicle as well as inside of a utility van belonging to Madeline`s grandfather. The utility van has been turned into an RV, which also had negative results for Madeline.

On 2/27/2024, at approximately 2301 hours, I responded back out to 4012 Santa Maria Drive to meet with multiple detectives and their supervisors from OCSO while they interviewed Madeline`s family again.

Officer Owens #914 and I stood by the aforementioned address until properly relieved.

This report is also related to KPD case #24-001896.

This report will be forwarded to the Records Division.

A portion of this incident was captured on my Department issued body worn camera. The body worn camera and its footage is maintained by the Kissimmee Police Department.

# Incident Report Suspect List

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<b>1</b>	Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>STERNS, STEPHAN MICHAEL</i>					Also Known As					Home Address <i>4012 SANTA MARIA DR - 107 KISSIMMEE, FL 34741</i>				
	Business Address														
	DOB	Age	Race	Sex	Eth	Hgt	Wgt	Hair	Eye	Skin	Driver's License / State				
	<i>04/25/1986</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>602</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>BLK</i>	<i>BRO</i>	<i>LGT</i>	<i>S365793861450 FL</i>				
Scars, Marks, Tattoos, or other distinguishing features															
<b>Reported Suspect Detail</b>															
Suspect Age		Race	Sex	Eth	Height		Weight			SSN					
Weapon, Type	Feature	Make		Model			Color	Caliber	Dir of Travel Mode of Travel						
Veh Yr / Make / Model		Drs	Style		Color		Lic Plate / State			VIN					
Notes							Physical Char								

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Offense: BATTERY CAPITAL SEXUAL

Investigator: OWENS, J. K. (914) Date / Time: 02/28/2024 02:00:09, Wednesday  
Supervisor: NARANJO, J. A. (667) Supervisor Review Date / Time: 02/28/2024 02:28:34, Wednesday  
Contact: Reference: Supplement

On Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at approximately 2336 hours, I, Officer J. Owens, responded to building 4012 apartment 107 on Santa Maria Drive, located at the Venetian Bay Apartments, in reference to a mutual aid, reference Orange County Sheriff Office case number 24-011313.

Upon arrival on scene, I made contact with Lieutenant J. Ortiz. While speaking with Lieutenant Ortiz, she assigned me the task of watching the residence of the aforementioned address. While on scene, I did not observe anyone enter the residence other than the individuals who were escorted by Orange County Detectives that were on scene. While on scene, I did not make contact with anyone else.

This concludes my involvement regarding this case.

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Investigator Signature

Supervisor Signature

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Offense: BATTERY CAPITAL SEXUAL

Investigator: MOORE, B. G. (804)

Date / Time: 02/29/2024 12:21:46, Thursday

Supervisor: BREUER, C. D. (598)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 03/05/2024 15:35:33, Tuesday

Contact:

Reference: Supplement

On February 27, 2024 at approximately 2209, officers of the Kissimmee Police Department responded to 4012 Santa Maria Drive Apt#107 in reference to a mutual aid with the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office was working on a missing person's case that was initiated in their jurisdiction. During their investigation, the Orange County's Sexual Assault Unit joined their investigation to assist with the sexual allegations that were discovered. The Orange County Sexual Assault Unit drafted a DNA warrant along with an arrest warrant for Stephan Michael Sterns however after further investigation, it was discovered that the incident location of the sexual battery occurred in the Kissimmee Police Department's jurisdiction. The investigation was then transferred over to Detective Mark Morris as the lead detective. I, Detective Moore ID#804 was provided with Orange Counties drafted warrants to transfer over into our format in order to submit the warrants through the eWarrants system. I submitted both DNA and arrest warrants which were approved and signed by the Honorable Judge Reginald Whitehead on February 28, 2024. I went to the Osceola County Communications Center and had the arrest warrant entered. Stephan was transported by an Orange County Deputy to the Osceola County Jail where he is being held with no bond.

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Investigator Signature

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Offense: BATTERY CAPITAL SEXUAL

Investigator: WOOD, P. D. (926) Date / Time: 02/29/2024 21:04:42, Thursday  
Supervisor: SMITH, P. C. (716) Supervisor Review Date / Time: 02/29/2024 21:34:02, Thursday  
Contact: Reference: Supplement

On 02/29/2024, at approximately 1930 hours, I Officer Wood 926, drove to the Osceola County communication center to enter a full extradition felony warrant for Stephan Michael Sterns, DOB 04/25/1986, FL DL (S365-793-86-145-0). Reference Kissimmee Police Department case number (24-001809).

This was my involvement in this case.

This supplement will be forwarded to the State Attorneys Office.

Investigator Signature

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Offense: BATTERY CAPITAL SEXUAL

Investigator: IRIZARRY LUGO, J. O. (936) Date / Time: 03/13/2024 22:04:02, Wednesday  
Supervisor: SMITH, P. C. (716) Supervisor Review Date / Time: 03/13/2024 22:49:08, Wednesday  
Contact: Reference: Supplement

On 2/29/24 at approximately 0416 hours, I, Officer Irizarry Id 936 responded to 4012-107 Santa Maria Dr in reference to a follow up.

Upon arrival, I was advised I needed to hold the scene and not let anyone enter or exit the residence or disturb the crime scene tape. At approximately 0523 hours I was relieved by Officer Nieves ID 859.

This is the end of my involvement.

No BWC available.

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Offense: BATTERY CAPITAL SEXUAL

Investigator: NIEVES, J. M. (859) Date / Time: 03/14/2024 01:39:35, Thursday  
Supervisor: SMITH, P. C. (716) Supervisor Review Date / Time: 03/14/2024 01:57:20, Thursday  
Contact: Reference: Supplement

On 2/29/24 at approximately 0523 hours, I, Officer Nieves 859 responded to 4012-107 Santa Maria Dr in reference to a follow up.

Upon arrival, I was advised I needed to hold the scene and not let anyone enter or exit the residence or disturb the crime scene tape. At approximately 0605 hours I was relieved by Detective Moore and Detective Reyes Soto.

This is the end of my involvement.

No BWC available.

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**Offense:** *BATTERY CAPITAL SEXUAL*

**Investigator:** *MORRIS, M. J. (515)*      **Date / Time:** *03/14/2024 10:24:50, Thursday*  
**Supervisor:** *CASTELLUCCI, E. M. (564)*      **Supervisor Review Date / Time:** *03/14/2024 10:53:19, Thursday*  
**Contact:**      **Reference:** *Supplement*

On February 26, 2024, at approximately 2000 hours, Madeline Soto, a 13-year old was reported missing to the Orange County Sheriff's Office by her mother, Jennifer Soto (Orange County case 24-011313).

Jennifer completed a sworn written statement to Orange County deputies to the following: Jennifer stated on 02/26/2024, at approximately 0800 hours, she saw Madeline getting ready for school. Jennifer stated Stephan Sterns took her to school and dropped her off close to the school. Jennifer said Stephan dropped Madeline off on Town Loop Boulevard between Town Center Boulevard and Hunters Park Lane. Jennifer said Stephan dropped her off between 0830 hours and 0845 hours. Jennifer stated Madeline never made it to school. Jennifer went to Hunters Creek Middle School around 1600 hours to pick Madeline up and she never came out of the school. Jennifer stated she searched around the area and then went to her mother's office but could not locate her.

Deputy Joseph from the Orange County Sheriff's Office contacted the on-call Domestic Crimes Detective, who investigate missing persons, who advised to send the report to the Missing Persons squad.

On February 27, 2024, Detective Hunt from the Orange County Sheriff's Office received information that Madeline did not report to school on the previous day. Therefore, Detective Hunt began his investigation. Detective Hunt interviewed Jennifer and Stephan during the initial phase of this investigation. During these interviews, Detective Hunt noticed some inconsistencies.

Detective Tagler with the Orange County Sheriff's Office was also asked to assist with interviewing Stephan during this case. Detective Tagler would eventually become the lead investigator for the Orange County Sheriff's Office case. Detective Tagler contacted Stephan at 4012 Santa Maria Drive. Detective Tagler was provided locations where Stephan's vehicle (2010 silver Lincoln MKZ, bearing FL tag IYLL82) had been seen during the time Stephan stated he dropped off Madeline at school. Detective Tagler confronted Stephan about his locations during the interview, but Stephan would provide answers that did not match up to his vehicle location. Stephan provided consent to search his phone, however he stated had accidentally performed a factory reset on his phone on 02/26/2024. Detective Tagler asked Stephan a second time if he consented to the download of his phone and he agreed and provided his passcode. Detective Tagler then proceeded to the security gate at Venetian Bay to review video. Upon reviewing the security video, Detective Tagler observed Stephan's vehicle exiting the complex with a female wearing a green sweater in the front passenger seat. The female was slumped over to her left, which is an abnormal way for a person to be seated in a vehicle. At that point, Detective Tagler decided to secure the residence at 4012 Santa Maria Drive for a search warrant.

The Kissimmee Police Department was notified and asked to assist with this case. Detective Smallwood responded to assist Orange County in the search. The decision was made to have patrol officers from the Kissimmee Police Department secure the location for the search warrant to be executed on 02/28/2024.

On February 28, 2024, I, Detective Mark Morris, was called and asked to respond to 4012 Santa Maria Drive to assist Orange County in executing the search warrant for their missing person case.

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Upon my arrival I contacted Orange County deputies who were waiting for their forensics unit to arrive to execute the search warrant. While Orange County was serving a search warrant on the premises, a subsequent search warrant was executed on Stephan`s cellular phone. Upon reviewing the contents of Stephan`s phone, it was discovered several images were saved in a Google Drive. A separate search warrant was served to Google and upon the receipt of the contents of Stephan`s Google Drive, several images and videos were located which depicted an apparent child with her breasts, vagina, and anal opening as the focal point of the pictures/videos. There were also pictures and videos depicting an apparent child`s vagina and mouth being penetrated by a penis.

Sexual Offense Identity Sexual Offense Identity

During this time, it was also discovered Stephan did not drop Madeline off at school as he previously stated. Based upon the contents of Stephan`s Google Drive and the suspicious nature of Madeline going missing, it was decided that I become the lead investigator from the Kissimmee Police Department.

Corporal Illgen and I responded to the Orange County Sheriff`s Office, where deputies had already arranged for Jennifer and Stephan to be transported there for a press conference. I was shown the contents of Stephan`s Google Drive, where one folder that appeared dedicated to Sexual contained over 1700 files. A majority of these photographs and videos showed Sexual in different sexual positions. Based upon these images, Orange County Detective`s began to author an arrest warrant for Stephan. Due to the fact that most of these images appeared to have occurred at Sexual Offense Identity location, probable cause was provided to Detective Moore of the Kissimmee Police Department. Detective Moore wrote the arrest warrant charging Stephan with sexual battery and possession of child pornography.

While the arrest warrant was being written and obtained by Detective Moore, at approximately 1645 hours, I contacted Jennifer in a conference room at the sheriff`s office. Jennifer was asked questions about Madeline being missing and the dynamics of the household. Jennifer stated her and Stephan had been dating on and off for approximately seven years. Stephan had moved out of the home in the later part of 2023 (November/December). Jennifer stated while they were together they would either all sleep in the same bed or Madeline would sleep with her when Stephan was not there. When asked if it was normal that Stephan and Madeline to sleep together without her being there and she said yes. Jennifer stated if she needed a good night sleep due to her anxiety, she would ask them to sleep in a different bedroom. Orange County Detective`s had previously shown Jennifer photographs of Stephan`s penis for identification purposes. Jennifer did not want believe Sexual and Stephan were engaged in sexual activity. Jennifer asked to see the image of Stephan Sexual Offense I pulled out a printed picture from Stephan`s Google Drive that showed Sexual with Stephan`s penis in Sex mouth. Jennifer said she didn`t recognize anything in the picture, as if she was in denial. However, she became visibly upset. I asked Jennifer additional questions unrelated to this particular case. I excused myself and told her that I was going to speak with Stephan.

I contacted Stephan in an interview room at the Sheriff`s Office. Stephan was asleep when I entered the room along with Corporal Illgen. After introducing ourselves, I explained the reason why we were there speaking with him. I read Stephan his Miranda Warnings which we waived and agreed to speak with us. Stephan stated he had known

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Jennifer for several years and they dated for most of that time. I asked Stephan what the sleeping arrangements were within the home. Stephan stated Madeline typically sleeps with Jennifer in Jennifer`s bed. Stephan stated Madeline wanted them all to sleep in the same bed when he returned from being away for several months. Stephan stated Madeline always needed human contact when going to sleep, Stephan referred to it as "snuggling". As the interview went on, I asked Stephan if Madeline has ever been sexually active with anyone in the past. Stephan stated there was an incident when she was much younger. Stephan said Madeline did something with a phone or camera, but she wasn`t scolded for it. Stephan said she was very young when this happened. I asked Stephan if he provided Orange County deputies consent to search through his phone and he stated yes. I asked Stephan if he had a Google account and he stated he did. When I asked Stephan if he saved pictures to that account, he said sometimes. Stephan stated he did have pictures of him and Madeline saved to that account. When I asked Stephan about all the pictures he had saved, Stephan then asked if he should be talking to a lawyer. Shortly after that, Stephan requested an attorney. Stephan was arrested for sexual battery [Sexual Offense Identity] when the victim was under 12 years old and possession of child pornography. A search warrant was obtained to collect DNA from Stephan. This warrant was executed by Orange County detectives and forensic unit.

I was able to search through Stephan`s Google account and observed the following videos/images:

File name: 20190702\_205542-1fmeiswnlg1r6

Description: Video file depicting a pre-pubescent female resembling [Sexual] who would have been [Sexual Offense] [Sexual Offense Identity] is laying next to Stephan in a bed watching cartoons on the television. Stephan is asking [Sexual] to put his penis in [Sex] mouth for three seconds as he counts. Stephan states [Sexual] would not be able to play with a phone unless she did it.

File name: 20220321\_033354-1jb1fqgi03xc2

Description: Image file depicting [Sexual Offense Identity] Stephan is inserting his finger into [Sexual Offense] vagina while [Sexu] appears to be sleeping.

File name: 20220722\_041929-1jb1fjyebmj6a

Description: Image file depicting [Sexual Offense Identity] Stephan is inserting his penis into [Sexual] mouth while [Sex] appears to be sleeping.

File name: 20220729\_031723-1jb1fnykw6taq

Description: Image file depicting [Sexual Offense Identity] Stephan is inserting his penis into [Sexual] mouth while [Sex] appears to be sleeping.

File name: 20220802\_002605-1jb1funuqisq

Description: Image file depicting [Sexual Offense Identity] Stephan is inserting his penis into [Sexual] mouth while [Se] is underneath a blanket.

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File name: 20220802\_003957-1jb1fuwer72xe
Description: Image file depicting Sexual Offense Identity Stephan is inserting his penis into Sexual vagina. Sexual identity is confirmed by a Sexual Offense Identity This same mark is seen in several other photographs of Sexual Offense

File name: 20220810\_044831-1jb1fxdkvb0ia
Description: Image file depicting Sexual Offense Identity Stephan is inserting his penis into Sexual anus. Sexual identity is confirmed by a Sexual Offense Identity This same mark is seen in several other photographs of Sexual Offense Identity

File name 20220815\_050554-1jb1fzwhlbyaq
Description: Image file depicting Sexual Offense Identity Stephan is inserting his penis into Sexual mouth while Sex appears to be sleeping.

File name: 20220816\_043317-1jb1g26tvo3zm
Description: Image file depicting Sexual Offense Identity Stephan is inserting his penis into Sexual anus. Sexual identity is confirmed by a small birthmark that is right above Sex anus. This same mark is seen in several other photographs of Sexual Offense

File name: 20220818\_043049-1jb1g3jk2f782
Description: Image file depicting Sexual Offense Identity Stephan is inserting his penis into Sexual vagina. Sexual identity is confirmed by a Sexual Offense Identity This same mark is seen in several other photographs of Sexual Offense Identity

There were hundreds of other images containing Sexual within Stephan`s Google account, with most of them depicting sexual activity. A copy of Stephan`s Google account was submitted into evidence.

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**Offense:** *BATTERY CAPITAL SEXUAL*

**Investigator:** *SMALLWOOD, C. E. (803)*      **Date / Time:** *03/14/2024 13:42:37, Thursday*  
**Supervisor:** *ILLGEN, B. J. (650)*      **Supervisor Review Date / Time:** *03/14/2024 14:21:43, Thursday*  
**Contact:**      **Reference:** *Supplement*

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Deputy Joseph from the Orange County Sheriff’s Office contacted the on-call Domestic Crimes Detective, who investigate missing persons, who advised to send the report to the Missing Persons squad.

On February 27, 2024, Detective Hunt from the Orange County Sheriff’s Office was assigned the case. Therefore, Detective Hunt began his investigation. Detective Hunt interviewed Jennifer and Stephan during the initial phase of his investigation. During these interviews, Detective Hunt noticed some inconsistencies in their statements.

Later, Detective Tagler with the Orange County Sheriff’s Office arrived on scene and was asked to assist with interviewing Stephan. Detective Tagler would eventually become the lead investigator for the Orange County Sheriff’s Office case. Detective Tagler interviewed Stephan at 4012 Santa Maria Drive. See Detective Tagler’s supplement for further details.

On February 27, 2024, at approximately 2100 hours, I, Detective Smallwood responded to 4012 Santa Maria Drive Apartment 107 to assist Detective Hunt and the Orange County Sheriff’s Office with the investigation. At the time of my arrival, Jennifer, Stephan, and their roommates were out of the residence and the residence was secured pending a search warrant.

On February 28, 2024, the search warrant for the residence was executed. During the execution of the warrant, information was discovered from Stephan’s cellphone and it was also discovered Stephan never dropped Madeline off at school. At that time, Detective Morris was assigned as the lead investigator on the case and the investigation was turned over to the Kissimmee Police Department.

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Occurred: *02/27/2024*

Offense: *BATTERY CAPITAL SEXUAL*

Investigator: *OWENS, J. K. (914)*

Date / Time: *03/17/2024 22:11:14, Sunday*

Supervisor: *NIEVES, C. (774)*

Supervisor Review Date / Time: *03/17/2024 22:19:44, Sunday*

Contact:

Reference: *Supplement*

On Monday, February 26, 2024, Officers of the Kissimmee Police Department responded to 4012 Santa Maria Drive apartment 107, located at the Venetian Bay apartments in reference to an attempt to locate in reference to a missing juvenile, Reference Orange County Sheriff Office case 24-011313.

On Tuesday, February 26, 2024, at approximately 2301 hours, Officers of the Kissimmee Police Department responded to the aforementioned address, in reference to a mutual aid investigation with the Orange County Sheriff Office, in reference to the above-mentioned case number.

At approximately 2335 hours, I, Officer J. Owens, responded to the aforementioned address in reference to scene security. Upon arrival on scene, I made contact with Lieutenant J. Ortiz, which she instructed me to not let anyone inside of the aforementioned address unless they were escorted by a Law Enforcement Officer. During this incident, I did not make contact with any witness`s, suspects, victims, or reporters.

This concludes my involvement in this case; my body worn was not active during this incident, since I did not make contact with any subjects.

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Offense: BATTERY CAPITAL SEXUAL

Investigator: MORALES, A. W. (910) Date / Time: 04/02/2024 21:19:56, Tuesday  
Supervisor: DIAZ, M. D. (597) Supervisor Review Date / Time: 04/06/2024 01:02:19, Saturday  
Contact: Reference: Supplement

On 02/29/2024 at approximately 0158 hours, I, Officer Morales responded to 4012 Santa Maria Dr. Apt 107 in reference to a report of a missing person.

While on scene, I provided scene security and ensured no unauthorized person(s) entered the home, which held yellow police tape around the entrance. Another officer relieved me at approximately 0313 hours.

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Investigator: LATCHMAN, A. (733) Date / Time: 04/03/2024 00:02:20, Wednesday  
Supervisor: GODIN KOEHLER, E. (746) Supervisor Review Date / Time: 04/03/2024 00:19:10, Wednesday  
Contact: Reference: Supplement

On 02/29/2024 at 0123 hours, I, Officer A. Latcman ID# 733, was dispatched to 4012 Santa Maria Dr. Apt 107, in reference to a missing person.

There was yellow police tape around the residence. I provided scene security to ensured no unauthorized person(s) entered the home.

At 0158 hours, Officer A. Morales ID# 910 relieved me of my duties and I cleared the scene at 0205 hours. This concluded my involvement of this case.

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Investigator: BELLOMO, I. (881) Date / Time: 04/24/2024 14:18:37, Wednesday
Supervisor: JOHNSON, I. D. (500) Supervisor Review Date / Time: 04/24/2024 14:37:02, Wednesday
Contact: Reference: Supplement

INCIDENT TYPE: Sexual Battery CASE NUMBER: 24-001809
ORI NUMBER: FL0490200 INCIDENT DATE: 02/29/2024

DATE: Thursday, February 29, 2024

LOCATION: Sexual Offense Identity

LOCATION: TIME ARRIVED: 1535 hrs. TIME CLEARED: 2030 hrs.

DETECTIVE: Morris, Mark ID: 515
TECHNICIAN: Bellomo, Isabella ID: 881

Sexual Offense Identity

OFFENDER: Stephan Michael, Sterns R/S: W/M DOB: 04/25/1986
INVOLVED: Soto, Jennifer Lissette R/S: W/F DOB: 03/02/1988

PHOTOGRAPHS: ?Yes ?No
Total number of photographs taken: 710
VIDEOS: ?Yes ?No
Total number of video taken: 2
EVIDENCE: ?Yes ?No
Total Submitted: 20

SYNOPSIS:

On Thursday, February 29, 2024, at approximately 1445 hours, the Criminal Investigations Division requested the response of the Forensic Unit to a residence located at the above listed location in reference to a sexual battery (above listed case number). It was later determined that the victim listed above Sexual Offense Identity Sexual Offense Identity Prior to my response, I was advised that Orange County Sheriff's Office deputies and their crime scene investigator Sexual Offense Identity Sexual Offense Identity Sexual Offense Identity During the Orange County Sheriff's Office's missing person investigation, it was discovered that the above listed victim Sexual Offense Identity residence which is located within the Kissimmee Police Department's jurisdiction, hence, the request for our response. Upon my arrival, I met with Detective M. Morris, #515 who requested I document and collect items of evidentiary value. The residence was documented via digital photography. Items of evidence were documented and collected. The residence was cleared at approximately 2030 hours.

OBSERVATIONS:

The scene consisted of a unit located in a blue colored, four-unit building. The front door to the residence was

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red in color, with the number **Sexual** displayed on it, and faced east.

Upon entering the front door, slightly northwest of the door, was a living room area with a round table and chairs surrounding it, an automatic litter box immediately northwest of the table and chairs, and a small rack with an automatic cat feeder on top immediately southwest of the cat litter box and against the west wall of the living room. Immediately north of the table, the chairs, the litter box, and the cat feeder, the living room area had been separated by two room dividers. One divider stemmed from the east wall of the living room towards the west (divider 1), and the other divider stemmed from the west wall of the living room towards the east (divider 2), creating a smaller section that was being used as a girl's room (hereinafter referred to as victim's bedroom). Walking through the dividers, immediately northeast of divider 1, and on the east wall of the victim's bedroom was a dresser with a television and several items on top of it. North of the dresser was a table with a computer screen and several items on top of it. West of the table with the computer screen was a rolling chair that was slightly covered with blankets and other items. West of the chair, and against the west wall of the victim's bedroom, was a 3-tier shelving unit with miscellaneous items. South of the shelving unit, was a bed with several miscellaneous items on top, including notebooks and some clothing. South of the bed was a nightstand with miscellaneous items. South of the nightstand, was divider 2. Immediately north of divider 2, and southeast of the nightstand, was a cat tower. Immediately east of the cat tower was a laundry basket.

Southwest of divider 2, and on the west wall of the living room, was a door that led to a bedroom with a bathroom (downstairs bedroom). Immediately upon entering the downstairs bedroom, north of the door and against the east wall of the bedroom, was a 5-tier wire shelving unit with miscellaneous items. North of the shelving unit was a dresser with miscellaneous items and a television above it. The television was mounted to the east wall of the bedroom. North of the dresser, was a Christmas tree. North of the Christmas tree, and in the northeast corner of the bedroom, against the east and north walls, was another 5-tier wire shelving unit. West of the shelving unit was a shoe rack. West of the shoe rack, in the northwest corner of the bedroom, against the north and west walls, was a fabric storage box with miscellaneous items on top. Immediately southwest of the storage box, and on the west wall of the bedroom, was a nightstand. South of the nightstand, was a bed. South of the bed was another nightstand. South of the nightstand was a desk with miscellaneous items on top of it, and a rolling chair immediately east of it. Southeast of the rolling chair was another chair. South of the desk was a closet. Southeast of the closet, and on the south wall of the bedroom, was a door that led to a bathroom. Immediately upon entering the bathroom, and on the east wall, was a bathroom vanity with a sink and miscellaneous items on top. Southwest of the bathroom vanity, on the south wall, was a bathtub. North of the bathtub, on the northwest corner of the bathroom, was a small trashcan. East of the trashcan was a toilet. East of the toilet was a walker with miscellaneous items on top.

South of the downstairs bedroom door was a closet. South of the closet was a pantry. South of the pantry was a set of stairs that led to the second floor. East of the stairs was a kitchen.

On the second floor, immediately east upon walking up the stairs, was a hallway. Along the north wall of the hallway was a laundry closet. South of the laundry closet was a half wall that separated the second floor from the stairs. The east end of the hallway extended from south to north forming a second hallway. The north edge of the

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west wall of the second hallway canted slightly towards the northwest. The canted area of the wall had a door that led to a closet (hallway closet). Slightly northwest of the hallway closet was another wall that was slightly canted towards the northeast. On that wall (northwest corner of second hallway), was a door with a silver colored plaque on it with the number 2. The door led to a bedroom with a bathroom (bedroom 2).

Immediately upon entering bedroom 2, and on the east wall, was a bed. North of the bed was a closet. West of the closet, and on the north wall, was a nightstand with miscellaneous items on top. West of the nightstand, in the northwest corner, was a bookshelf. South of the bookshelf was a dresser with a television and miscellaneous items on top. South of the dresser was a wooden clothing rack. South of the clothing rack, in the corner between the west and the south wall, was a trashcan. East of the trashcan, on the south wall, was a tall table with built-in shelving with food items on top and a fridge underneath. Between the trashcan and the table with the built-in shelving, still on the south wall, was a door that led to a bathroom. On the east wall of the bathroom was a bathroom vanity with two sinks and miscellaneous items on top. Southwest of the vanity, and on the south wall, was a bathtub. Northwest of the bathtub, and on the west wall, was a toilet with a cabinet. Adjacent to the toilet, was a trashcan. Slightly northwest of the trashcan, against the north wall of the bathroom, was a hamper.

East of bedroom 2, on the northeast corner of the second hallway, was a door with a silver colored plaque on it with the number 3. The door led to a bedroom (bedroom 3). Upon entering bedroom 3, on the west wall, was a dresser. North of the dresser was a closet. East of the closet, in the northeast corner of the bedroom, was a hamper. South of the hamper, and on the east wall, was a bed. South of the bed was a nightstand. South of the nightstand, in the southeast corner of the bedroom, was a mirror. West of the mirror, on the south wall, was a desk with miscellaneous items on top. West of the desk was a round cart with miscellaneous items. West of the cart was a trashcan.

South of bedroom 3, on the east wall of the second hallway, was a door with a silver colored plaque on it with the number 4. The door led to a bedroom (bedroom 4). Upon entering bedroom 4, on the south wall, was a trashcan. East of the trashcan, was a chest with a television on top. East of the chest was a closet. North of the closet, cornered between the east and the north wall, was a bed. West of the bed was a nightstand with miscellaneous items on top. West of the nightstand, in the corner between the north and the west wall, was a minifridge. Southwest of the minifridge, on the west wall, was a table with miscellaneous items on top.

South of bedroom 4, still on the east wall of the second hallway, was a door that led to a bathroom. Upon entering the bathroom, on the south wall, was a bathroom vanity with a sink. East of the vanity was a toilet. Immediately northeast of the toilet, on the east wall, was a bathtub. Slightly southwest of the bathroom, at the south end of the second hallway, was an alcove with a fridge and miscellaneous items on top of it.

The following items of evidentiary value were observed throughout the residence:

Downstairs bedroom  
 Description Location

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Silver colored, Apple brand laptop, SN:C17G2H3YQ6L4, with a clear colored, Incase brand laptop case Under pillow on bed

Black colored, WD brand, Easystore model drive, SN: WX31A792CU5F with a USB cable attached Inside top drawer of nightstand south of bed

Black colored, HP brand laptop, SN: CND01501XB Inside a cart in the closet

- Black and brown colored, WT3130 brand tripod

- White colored, Royal living brand, king size comforter

- Purple colored, unknown brand pillowcase, with constellation design

- Gray colored, unknown brand fuzzy blanket Inside closet

- Gray colored, unknown brand fuzzy robe, size large

- Blue colored, Member`s Mark brand towel, with green and yellowish dinosaurs` designs

- White colored, unknown brand pillowcase with a light purple constellation pattern

- White colored, unknown brand towel with dark and light blue colored stripes Corner between closet and bathroom, on the floor

- Gray colored, Hurley brand crewneck sweatshirt, unknown size

- Black colored, Place brand biker shorts, size XXL/TTG 16

- Light blue colored, Pink brand panties, size small On the floor, between tub and sink in bathroom

Victim`s bedroom

Description Location

White colored, TurbyTwist brand hair towel, with multicolored cupcake designs Hanging on divider 1

- Pink brand, black colored panties, size medium

- Black colored, unknown brand tank top, size medium On the floor, between divider 1 and dresser

18, white colored, Utopia Towels brand hand towels Top right drawer of dresser (facing the dresser)

Seventeen pairs of female underwear:

- Purple with white and pale pinkish-orange flowers and white and light blue dots designs, Hanes brand, size 12

- Light purple, with light blue top elastic band, Hanes brand, size 12

- Light purple, with yellow top elastic band (torn) and elastic borders, and a figurine of a unicorn and the word "Wednesday", Cat & Jack brand, size 10

- Light blue, with pink top elastic band, Hanes brand, size 12

- Dark purple, with light purple top elastic band, Hanes brand, size 12

- Black, Pink brand, size small

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- Mint green, with light purple top elastic band and elastic borders, and a figurine of a dinosaur with the word "Monday", Cat & Jack brand, size 10
  - Pink, with a purple bow, Joe Boxer brand, size 6
  - White with black and light pink leopard pattern, with light pink elastic band, Fruit of the Loom brand, size 10
  - White, light purple, and light blue, with light purple top elastic band and elastic borders, Hanes brand, size 12
  - Pink, with light pink top elastic band and elastic borders, Cat and Jack brand, size 10
  - Navy blue, Pink brand, size medium
  - Multicolored (white, light gray, light and dark purple, and a pale pinkish-orange) with light blue top elastic band and elastic borders, Hanes brand, size 12
  - Light blue, with light purple top elastic band, Hanes brand, size 12
  - Light blue, with light pink top elastic band, Fruit of the Loom, size 10
  - Burgundy, with lightish pink top elastic band and elastic borders, and a figurine of a cloud with rain and stars and the word " Wednesday", unknown brand and size
  - Pale pinkish-orange, with a light purple top elastic band, Hanes brand, size 12  
Top third drawer of dresser, counting from right to left (facing the dresser)
  - Black colored, Ambiance brand tank top, size large
  - Gray colored, LootWear Exclusive brand, "Back to the Future" shirt, size extra large Middle right drawer of dresser (facing the dresser)
  - Black colored, Old Navy brand shirt, size extra small
  - Black colored, Tommy Hilfiger brand shirt, size medium
  - Sage green colored, Old Navy brand, long sleeved shirt, size extra small Middle left drawer of dresser (facing the dresser)
  - Black colored, Glam Jamz brand, multicolored polka dot pants
  - Pink colored notebook Bottom left drawer of dresser (facing the dresser)
- Miscellaneous items of clothing and one towel:
- Light blue colored shirt, with a rainbow logo made out of hearts, stripes, dots, and a leopard print design, with the words: "It`s my birthday, Twosday 2-22-22", Canvas brand, size small
  - Black colored, Champions brand shorts, size large (10-12)

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- Gray colored, Pink brand panties with a white colored top elastic band with a black stripe and the word "pink" all around, size medium
- Black colored, Pink brand panties, size medium
- Black colored, Ambiance brand shorts, size small
- Two, black colored, Pink brand, boxer style shorts, size medium
- Black colored, Pink brand panties, size medium
- White colored, DKNY brand towel, with black colored dotted lines, and black colored top and bottom ends  
 From inside laundry basket

**PHOTOGRAPHS:**

Photographs of the residence were taken utilizing a Canon EOS RP digital camera as observed. The images consisted of overall, mid-range, and close-up views of the residence, its contents, and items of evidentiary value. All images captured were uploaded to [www.evidence.com](http://www.evidence.com).

The scene was digitally recorded through two video recordings, as observed. One video was uploaded to [www.evidence.com](http://www.evidence.com). The other video was unable to be uploaded due to its size. The SD digital media storage card containing all photos of the residence and both videos has also been submitted into evidence (item IB20/PR# 164123).

**SKETCHING:**

Seven finalized sketches of the residence were completed utilizing Faro Zone 3D software and were transferred to the Records Unit. The sketches are not to scale and all measurements are approximate.

**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:**

The following physical evidence was collected from the residence, packaged, and submitted to the Kissimmee Police Department Evidence Unit.

Item #	PR#	Description
IB1	164104	Silver colored, Apple brand laptop, SN:C17G2H3YQ6L4, with a clear colored, Incase brand laptop case
IB2	164105	Black colored, WD brand, Easystore model drive, SN: WX31A792CU5F with a USB cable

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attached

IB3 164106 Black colored, HP brand laptop, SN: CND01501XB

IB4 164107 Black and brown colored, WT3130 brand tripod

IB5 164108 White colored, TurbyTwist brand hair towel, with multicolored cupcake designs

IB6 164109 Pink brand, black colored panties, size medium

IB7 164110 Black colored, unknown brand tank top, size medium

IB8 164111 18, white colored, Utopia Towels brand hand towels

IB9 164112 Seventeen pairs of female underwear:

- Purple with white and pale pinkish-orange flowers and white and light blue dots designs, Hanes brand, size 12

- Light purple, with light blue top elastic band, Hanes brand, size 12

- Light purple, with yellow top elastic band (torn) and elastic borders, and a figurine of a unicorn and the word "Wednesday", Cat &amp; Jack brand, size 10

- Light blue, with pink top elastic band, Hanes brand, size 12

- Dark purple, with light purple top elastic band, Hanes brand size 12

- Black, Pink brand, size small

- Mint green, with light purple top elastic band and elastic borders, and a figurine of a dinosaur with the word "Monday", Cat &amp; Jack brand, size 10

- Pink, with a purple bow, Joe Boxer brand, size 6

- White with black and light pink leopard pattern, with light pink elastic band, Fruit of the Loom brand, size 10

- White, light purple, and light blue, with light purple top elastic band and elastic borders, Hanes brand, size 12

- Pink, with light pink top elastic band and elastic borders, Cat and Jack brand, size 10

- Navy blue, Pink brand, size medium

- Multicolored (white, light gray, light and dark purple, and a pale pinkish-orange) with light blue top elastic band and elastic borders, Hanes brand, size 12

- Light blue, with light purple top elastic band, Hanes brand, size 12

- Light blue, with light pink top elastic band, Fruit of the Loom, size 10

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- Burgundy, with lightish pink top elastic band and elastic borders, and a figurine of a cloud with rain and stars and the word " Wednesday", unknown brand and size

- Pale pinkish-orange, with a light purple top elastic band, Hanes brand, size 12

IB10 164113 Black colored, Ambiance brand tank top, size large

IB11 164114 - Black colored, Old Navy brand shirt, size extra small

- Black colored, Tommy Hilfiger brand shirt, size medium

- Sage green colored, Old Navy brand, long sleeved shirt, size extra small

IB12 164115 Black colored, Glam Jamz brand, multicolored polka dot pants

IB13 164116 Pink colored notebook

IB14 164117 Gray colored, LootWear Exclusive brand, "Back to the Future" shirt, size extra large

IB15 164118 Miscellaneous items of clothing and one towel:

- Light blue colored shirt, with a rainbow logo made out of hearts, stripes, dots, and a leopard print design, with the words: "It`s my birthday, Twosday 2-22-22", Canvas brand, size small

- Black colored, Champions brand shorts, size large (10-12)

- Gray colored, Pink brand panties with a white colored top elastic band with a black stripe and the word "pink" all around, size medium

- Black colored, Pink brand panties, size medium

- Black colored, Ambiance brand shorts, size small

- Two, black colored, Pink brand, boxer style shorts, size medium

- Black colored, Pink brand panties, size medium

- White colored, DKNY brand towel, with black colored dotted lines and black colored top/bottom borders

IB16 164119 - White colored, Royal living brand, king size comforter

- Purple colored, unknown brand pillowcase, with constellation design

IB17 164120 Miscellaneous items:

- Gray colored, unknown brand fuzzy robe, size large

- Blue colored, Member`s Mark brand towel, with green and yellowish dinosaurs` designs

- White colored, unknown brand pillowcase with a light purple constellation pattern

- White colored, unknown brand towel with dark and light blue colored stripes

IB18 164121 Miscellaneous items of clothing:

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- Gray colored, Hurley brand crewneck sweatshirt, unknown size
- Black colored, Place brand biker shorts, size XXL/TTG 16
- Light blue colored, Pink brand panties, size small
- IB19 164122 Gray colored, unknown brand fuzzy blanket
- IB20 164123 SD Card with scene photos and videos from 4012 Santa Maria Drive, apartment 107

## DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE:

On Tuesday, March 5, 2024, items IB1 through IB20 were submitted to the Kissimmee Police Department Evidence Unit.

## REMARKS:

This report may contain conclusions and/or interpretations made by the author.  
All times are approximate.  
Additional laboratory submissions may be forthcoming.  
At this time, nothing further was requested from this technician.

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Investigator: MORRIS, M. J. (515)

Date / Time: 05/08/2024 07:22:43, Wednesday

Supervisor: PEREZ, M. (512)

Supervisor Review Date / Time: 05/08/2024 13:10:51, Wednesday

Contact:

Reference: Investigative Narrative

On February 26, 2024, at approximately 1853 hours, E911 System called 911 to make a missing person report. E911 stated she was calling on the behalf of Jennifer Soto, who is the mother to Madeline Soto. Madeline is a 13-year old female who was missing was reported missing from Hunters Creek Middle School (13400 Town Loop Boulevard, Orlando, FL). E911 would call 911 two different times after the initial call to Orange County, wanting to know why deputies haven't responded yet. This incident would be documented under Orange County Sheriff's Office case 24-011313.

Jennifer completed a sworn written statement to Orange County deputies to the following: Jennifer stated on 02/26/2024, at approximately 0800 hours, she saw Madeline getting ready for school. Jennifer stated Stephan Sterns took her to school and dropped her off close to the school. Jennifer said Stephan dropped Madeline off on Town Loop Boulevard between Town Center Boulevard and Hunters Park Lane. Jennifer said Stephan dropped her off between 0830 hours and 0845 hours. Jennifer stated Madeline never made it to school. Jennifer went to Hunters Creek Middle School around 1600 hours to pick Madeline up and she never came out of the school. Jennifer stated she searched around the area and then went to her mother's office but could not locate her. Deputy Joseph then contacted Stephen, who identified himself as Jennifer's boyfriend. Stephan stated he dropped Madeline off approximately one block away from Hunters Creek Middle School. Stephan said he watched Madeline walk in the direction of the school while searching for something in her back pack. Stephan then drove to a local vape shop, which was closed so he returned home to 4012 Santa Maria Drive. Stephan stated he left the residence about one hour later to go to the vape shop and to run errands, returning to the residence at approximately 1430 hours.

When Jennifer and Stephan were reporting Madeline missing, Stephan described Madeline to be wearing a green hoodie, blue pants and white Crocs. Jennifer then stated Madeline was wearing black shorts. During this interaction it appeared as if Stephan was answering the deputy's questions while Jennifer was also trying to answer the questions. Stephan appeared confident in his answers about Madeline's description, where Jennifer didn't.

Madeline was entered into NCIC/FCIC as missing. Deputy Joseph from the Orange County Sheriff's Office contacted the on-call Domestic Crimes Detective, who investigate missing persons, who advised to send the report to the Missing Persons squad.

Detective Hunt was assigned the missing person's case and began his investigation. Detective Hunt conducted interviews with Jennifer and Stephan to gather details regarding Madeline going missing.

On February 27, 2024 at approximately 1116 hours, Detective Hunt made contact with Jennifer at her residence. Jennifer stated the following during her statement: Jennifer stated she last saw Madeline at approximately 2300 hours, of 02/25/2024. Jennifer stated Madeline went to the guest bedroom to sleep along with Stephan because she just started a new job and needed to get some sleep which she had not gotten recently. Jennifer stated Madeline typically sleeps with her and when Stephan comes into town he would sleep in the guest bedroom. Jennifer stated Stephan moved out of her house sometime in December 2023 because he was offered a job by his father who lives in North Port, Florida. Jennifer stated Stephan has visited two to three times since he moved out. Jennifer stated Stephan was planning on staying one week during this time because he was going to help with Madeline and

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their dog while she was in training for her new job. Jennifer stated she couldn't remember when Stephan arrived. She stated it was either Saturday or Sunday morning. Jennifer stated she heard people getting ready in the morning, but couldn't say for sure who it was. Jennifer stated Stephan accidentally woke her up while trying to get the leash on their dog. Jennifer said she was going to help Stephan, but he was able to get the leash on the dog without her help. Jennifer confirmed she never saw Madeline that morning. Jennifer stated when she takes Madeline to school, they would leave no later than 0850 hours. Jennifer stated the night before they agreed to have Stephan get Madeline ready for school and take her. Jennifer said Stephan was going to take Madeline to McDonalds, but she changed her mind in the last minute. When Detective Hunt asked Jennifer when she found that information out, she said Stephan called her at 1018 hours in the morning. Jennifer inquired if they ever stopped at McDonalds and Stephan said they didn't, even though he tried convincing her several times. Jennifer said she set her alarm for 0900 hours, which is when she woke up. Jennifer left the residence around 0930 hours, to go to an appointment to have blood drawn. Jennifer stated she didn't see Stephan before she left. After Jennifer left, that is when Stephan called her to tell her about the McDonalds. Stephan also stated after he dropped off Madeline at school, he went to a vape shop, but they weren't open. Jennifer said she got back home between 1115 hours and 1130 hours, and Stephan was there. Jennifer said she stayed at home until about 1430 hours, until she left to go pick up Madeline from school. Jennifer said she waited for approximately 10 minutes after the school bell rang for Madeline to come out to her car. Since Madeline didn't come out to the car, Jennifer stated she couldn't remember if she told Madeline to go to her grandmother's (Yolanda Zambrano Nunez) office to be picked up. Jennifer called Yolanda who stated Madeline wasn't there. Jennifer drove around the area looking for Madeline, then went back to the school to speak with someone at the office. The office was closed. Jennifer said while she was driving to the school, she placed a call to Sage Ellis, who is Madeline's best friend. Sage stated Madeline never made it to school. Jennifer asked her what she meant, and said "I, we dropped her off close to school". Jennifer said she emailed Madeline's teachers to inquire about her attendance for the day, which confirmed she wasn't in school all day. At that point, [REDACTED] E911 stated she called 911. Jennifer said she is the one who typically gets Madeline ready for school, but this week she asked Stephan to help because of her new work schedule. Jennifer said Stephan has only dropped Madeline off once or twice in the past. Detective Hunt asked why Stephan would drop her off close to the school instead of on school grounds and she said Madeline was embarrassed to be seen in Stephan's vehicle. Detective Hunt inquired about Madeline's biological father, Tyler Wallace. Tyler lives in Texas, but Jennifer stated she didn't believe Madeline would be making her way to Texas to see her father, due to the limited contact they had with each other. Jennifer said Madeline left her debit card and cellular phone at home. Jennifer said Madeline has ADHD, and she would leave her phone at home often. Jennifer also stated Madeline was diagnosed with autism at the same time of her ADHD. But doctors recently reassessed Madeline and stated she only has autistic traits, but weren't for sure if she had autism. Detective Hunt asked Jennifer if he could take Madeline's cellular phone to examine its contents, which she agreed and provided it to him. Detective Hunt asked Jennifer what she thought happened, Jennifer said she didn't think Madeline would run away. She was dropped off between 0830 hours and 0845 hours, which is earlier than normal. Jennifer said Stephan told her when he dropped her off, she was rummaging through her backpack assuming she was looking for her phone. Detective Hunt concluded his interview shortly after that.

At approximately 1205 hours, Detective Hunt then contacted Stephan at Jennifer's residence. Stephan gave the following sworn statement: Stephan stated the last time he saw Madeline was when he dropped her off at school

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on 02/26/2024, between 0825 hours and 0840 hours. Stephan said Madeline liked to be dropped off away from school sometimes because she didn't want to be seen in a "hoopty" car. Meaning an old car. Stephan said he dropped Madeline off along a stretch of road that had several communities, which was by the overpass of SR 417. Stephan said the school was on the other side of the overpass from where he dropped her off at. Stephan said Madeline liked cool morning walks. Stephan said Madeline was wearing her hoodie sweatshirt. Stephan said it wasn't common for him to take Madeline to school, he was only helping Jennifer out because she started a new job. Stephan said he splits time between Kissimmee and his parents house in Northport, Florida, because they need his help due to their age. Stephan said when he comes to Kissimmee he would come for weeks at a time. However, in other statements received later on in this investigation, Stephan would only come to Kissimmee for a couple days at a time. Stephan stated he arrived in Kissimmee on Saturday (02/24/2024). Stephan said he moved back to his parent's house because they told him they are getting older and they really needed his help around their house. Stephan said his parents were already making an "end of life plan". When Detective Hunt was clarifying the times of 0825 hours and 0840 hours, Stephan said he left his phone at home so he wasn't sure what time it was. Stephan said after he left Madeline, he was looking at her in the rear-view mirror and she looked like she was making her way towards the school. Stephan said he went to a vape shop nearby, but they were closed, so he made his way home and spent time with Jennifer. Detective Hunt confirmed with Stephan that he arrived back home around 1000 hours, and Jennifer was there and he said yes. Stephan said Jennifer was just waking up. This statement contradicts what Jennifer said, where her alarm went off at 0900 hours and she left at 0930 hours for her appointment. Stephan said he left to go to the vape shop and went back home where they hung out some more. Stephan said Jennifer wanted to take a nap, so he went to run some errands. Stephan said he went to some card game shops in the area, and that is when he got a flat tire. Stephan said he got a flat tire on Highway 192, which he described as "hair raising". Stephan said he got the flat tire sometime between noon and 1400 hours. Stephan was supposed to go with Jennifer to pick Madeline up from school, but he said since he got the flat tire he was late getting home. Detective Hunt asked Stephan to tell him about Sunday night going into Monday. Stephan is heard taking a deep sigh, and said Madeline was happy, and talking about crushes (meaning boys she had a crush on) and a singing performance. Stephan said Jennifer requested him to take Madeline to school in the morning, Stephan agreed since he has done this a few times in the past. When discussing the sleeping arrangements, Stephan said he and Madeline went to sleep around 2300 hours to 2315 hours because Madeline was wound up from her party. Stephan said they were getting up really early so they could "make good time getting out of the door". Stephan said they got up around 0700 hours on 02/26/2024. Stephan said he spoke with Jennifer a couple times while he was in and out of her room, even though Jennifer said they only spoke once about the dog. Stephan said he was impressed they made such good time getting out of the door, they were out between 0730 hours to 0745 hours. Detective Hunt asked Stephan where Madeline left her phone, and he said she left it in her room when she was grabbing her shoes or sweatshirt. Detective Hunt spoke to Stephan about the church near where he dropped Madeline off, and concluded the interview shortly afterwards.

Detective Hunt obtained information from license plate readers and video footage from the area which revealed certain inconsistencies in Stephan's statement.

Detective Hunt then contacted Yolanda Zambrano, who is Madeline's grandmother. The last time she saw

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Madeline was the night of 02/25/2024, at her home located at 5244 Los Palmas Vista Drive, Orlando, Florida 32837. This is where Madeline's birthday party was held. It is not uncommon for Madeline to sometimes walk from Hunters Creek Middle School to Yolanda's office located at 13550 Village Park Drive. On 02/26/2024, Jennifer called Yolanda and asked if Madeline walked to her office because she was not currently at school. Yolanda stated Madeline was taken to school by Stephan, whom she knows as Jennifer's ex-boyfriend. Yolanda believes Jennifer and Stephan broke up in December when he moved out of the home, but she wasn't sure why they broke up. Yolanda stated Stephan possibly came to Kissimmee for Madeline's birthday. Stephan has taken Madeline to school in the past and stated he dropped her off at a nearby apartment complex named Urbana. Madeline has never run away from home in the past. Approximately one year ago, there was an incident where Madeline was upset due to having an argument with her mother and she called Yolanda. At that time, Madeline explained she was walking around the neighborhood due to being angry; however, she soon went back home after being told to do so by Yolanda. Yolanda stated she doesn't like Stephan because he doesn't do anything, as in working. She said Jennifer just doesn't want to be alone

Detective Tagler with the Orange County Sheriff's Office was also asked to assist with interviewing Stephan during this case. Detective Tagler would eventually become the lead investigator for the Orange County Sheriff's Office case. Detective Tagler contacted Stephan at 4012 Santa Maria Drive. Detective Tagler was provided locations where Stephan's vehicle (2010 silver Lincoln MKZ, bearing FL tag IYLL82) had been seen during the time Stephan stated he dropped off Madeline at school. Detective Tagler confronted Stephan about his locations during the interview, but Stephan would provide answers that did not match up to his vehicle location. This raised concerns with Detective Tagler as if Stephan was withholding information. Stephan provided consent to search his phone, however he stated had accidentally performed a factory reset on his phone on 02/26/2024. Detective Tagler asked Stephan a second time if he consented to the download of his phone and he agreed and provided his passcode. Detective Tagler gave Stephan's cellular phone to the Orange County Sheriff's Office Digital Forensics Unit to download. Detective Tagler then proceeded to the security gate at Venetian Bay to review video. Upon reviewing the security video, Detective Tagler observed Stephan's vehicle exiting the complex with a female wearing a green sweater in the front passenger seat. The female was slumped over to her left, which is an abnormal way for a person to be seated in a vehicle. At that point, Detective Tagler decided to secure the residence at 4012 Santa Maria Drive for a search warrant.

The Kissimmee Police Department was notified and asked to assist with this case. Detective Smallwood responded to assist Orange County in the search. The decision was made to have patrol officers from the Kissimmee Police Department secure the location for the search warrant to be executed on 02/28/2024.

On February 28, 2024, I, Detective Mark Morris, was called and asked to respond to 4012 Santa Maria Drive to assist Orange County in executing the search warrant for their missing person case.

Upon my arrival I contacted Orange County deputies who were waiting for their forensics unit to arrive to execute the search warrant. While Orange County was serving a search warrant on the premises, a subsequent search warrant was executed on Stephan's cellular phone. Upon reviewing the contents of Stephan's phone, it was

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discovered several images were saved in a Google Drive. A separate search warrant was served to Google and upon the receipt of the contents of Stephan`s Google Drive, several images and videos were located which depicted an apparent child with her breasts, vagina, and anal opening as the focal point of the pictures/videos. There were also pictures and videos depicting an apparent child`s vagina and mouth being penetrated by a penis. The child was later identified as

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During this time, it was also discovered Stephan did not drop Madeline off at school as he previously stated. Orange County detectives were able to gather information from license plate readers and traffic cameras, this information confirmed that Stephan did not drop Madeline off at school. In fact, his vehicle was seen driving south on Old Hickory Tree Road on 02/26/2024.

Corporal Illgen and I drove out to the area of Old Hickory Tree road to canvass the area for possible spots where Stephan may have dumped Madeline`s body. We searched several different places; however, the results were negative. We also contacted staff at Hickory Tree Elementary to review surveillance video. Deputy Chisolm with the Osceola County Sheriff`s Office was able to assist in watching the video. On 02/26/2024, at approximately 1317 hours, a vehicle matching Stephan`s is seen travelling south on Old Hickory Tree Road passing the school.

Based upon the suspicious nature of Madeline going missing, it was decided that I become the lead investigator from the Kissimmee Police Department.

On February 28, 2024, at approximately 1300 hours, Corporal Illgen and I responded to the Orange County Sheriff`s Office so I could be briefed on their investigation. Due to this investigation being worked by the two different agencies, it was decided to have the command center be housed at the Orange County Sheriff`s Office. Deputies had already arranged for Jennifer and Stephan to be transported there for a press conference. I was shown the contents of Stephan`s Google Drive, where one folder that appeared dedicated to Sexual contained over 1700 files. A majority of these photographs and videos showed Sexual different sexual positions. Based upon these images, Orange County Detective`s began to author an arrest warrant for Stephan. Due to the fact that most of these images appeared to have occurred Sexual Offense Identity location, probable cause was provided to Detective Moore of the Kissimmee Police Department. Detective Moore wrote the arrest warrant charging Stephan with sexual battery and possession of child pornography.

I was also provided information from license plate readers, surveillance videos and traffic cameras:

On February 26, 2024, at 0730 hours, Stephan is seen driving his vehicle to the dumpster in Venetian Bay. Stephan is wearing a red shirt and tan pants. Stephan exits the vehicle and throws away two large white trash bags. In the passenger seat of Stephan`s vehicle is a white female wearing a green sweatshirt with her head slumped over to the left. The positioning of the female does not appear to be normal and she doesn`t move while Stephan is exiting or entering the vehicle. The female appears to be Madeline.

On February 26, 2024, at 0810 hours, Stephan is driving south on John Young Parkway approaching Thacker

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Avenue. Madeline is still in the front passenger seat in the same position.

On February 26, 2024, at 0819 hours, Stephan enters Venetian Bay and exits the rear of the complex at 0831 hours. Madeline is still in the front passenger seat in the same position.

On February 26, 2024, at 0901 hours, Stephan is driving north on International Drive and Central Florida Parkway. Madeline is still in the front passenger seat in the same position. This confirms that Stephan did not drop Madeline off at or near school as he previously stated.

On February 26, 2024, at 0935 hours, Stephan is driving into the parking garage of 9271 South John Young Parkway. Stephan drives up to the second level and parks near the northeast corner of the lot. Stephan backs his vehicle into a parking space by the stairs. Stephan exits his vehicle and walks towards the rear of his vehicle and opens the trunk. At 0941 hours, Stephan is seen placing Madeline, who is wearing a green sweatshirt and blue pants, in the trunk of his vehicle. Stephan then exits the parking garage.

On February 26, 2024, at 1014 hours, Stephan enters Venetian Bay through the east gate of the complex. Madeline is no longer seen in the front passenger seat of his vehicle.

On February 26, 2024, at 1054 hours, Stephan is seen driving to the dumpster in Venetian Bay throwing away more trash.

On February 26, 2024, at 1122 hours, Stephan drives to 13651 South John Young Parkway (eSmokerOnline Vape Shop). Stephan makes a purchase and leaves shortly afterwards.

Stephan`s vehicle then travels east on Highway 192 towards Saint Cloud, Florida. His vehicle is captured on several traffic cameras as well as license plate readers.

On February 26, 2024, at 1316 hours, Stephan is driving south Old Hickory Tree Road. Stephan passes Hickory Tree Elementary at approximately 1317 hours.

On February 26, 2024, at 1411 hours, Stephan is driving west on Highway 192 from Old Hickory Tree Road. Stephan`s vehicle now has a spare tire on the rear driver`s side of his vehicle.

On February 26, 2024, at 1521 hours, Stephan is seen throwing items in the dumpster in Venetian Bay.

On February 27, 2024, at 0318 hours, Jennifer`s vehicle is seen driving east on Highway 192 through Kissimmee to Saint Cloud, Florida. The vehicle takes the same exact path as Stephan. At 0335 hours, Jennifer`s vehicle is seen driving south on Old Hickory Tree Road from Highway 192. The vehicle is then seen again turning west on Highway 192 from Old Hickory Tree Road at 0409 hours.

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The vehicle then returns to Venetian Bay at approximately 0430 hours. A more detailed timeline is included with Detective Cabral's supplement.

While the arrest warrant was being written and obtained by Detective Moore, at approximately 1645 hours, I contacted Jennifer in a conference room at the sheriff's office. Jennifer was asked questions about Madeline being missing and the dynamics of the household. Jennifer stated her and Stephan had been dating on and off for approximately seven years. Stephan had moved out of the home in the later part of 2023 (November/December). Jennifer stated while they were together they would either all sleep in the same bed or Madeline would sleep with her when Stephan was not there. When asked if it was normal that Stephan and Madeline to sleep together without her being there and she said yes. Jennifer stated if she needed a good night sleep due to her anxiety, she would ask them to sleep in a different bedroom. Jennifer stated she was woke up the next morning by Stephan attempting to put a leash on their dog. Stephan told Jennifer to go back to bed because he would take care of walking the dog. So, Jennifer went back to sleep. Jennifer stated Madeline must have got dressed for school in her room because her phone was left on her nightstand. Jennifer stated Stephan said he was impressed on how quickly they were able to get out of the house to go to school. Stephan told Jennifer that Madeline was asleep most of the ride to school, however he was still able to ask her about eating at McDonalds according to Stephan. Jennifer stated they recently ended their relationship and he moved back to North Port, Florida to stay with his parents. Jennifer said she ended the relationship because he was a messy person. Jennifer said they didn't have a sexual relationship because her medications affected her sex drive. I asked Jennifer who drives her vehicle, and she said only her and Stephan. Jennifer said Stephan took her vehicle Monday night because he decided to go drive around, searching for Madeline. This would have been when Stephan traveled back to Saint Cloud in the early morning hours of 02/27/2024. Orange County Detective's had previously shown Jennifer photographs of Stephan's penis for identification purposes. Jennifer did not want believe **Sexual** and Stephan were engaged in sexual activity. Jennifer asked to see the image of Stephan and **Sexual** pulled out a printed picture from Stephan's Google Drive that showed **Sexual** with Stephan's penis in her mouth. Jennifer said she didn't recognize anything in the picture, as if she was in denial. However, she became visibly upset. Shortly after these questions, I excused myself and told her that I was going to speak with Stephan.

I contacted Stephan in an interview room at the Sheriff's Office. Stephan was asleep when I entered the room along with Corporal Illgen. After introducing ourselves, I explained the reason why we were there speaking with him. I read Stephan his Miranda Warnings which we waived and agreed to speak with us. Stephan stated he had known Jennifer for several years and they dated for most of that time. I asked Stephan what the sleeping arrangements were within the home. Stephan stated Madeline typically sleeps with Jennifer in Jennifer's bed. Stephan stated Madeline wanted them all to sleep in the same bed when he returned from being away for several months. Stephan stated Madeline always needed human contact when going to sleep, Stephan referred to it as "snuggling". I asked Stephan if he stayed in the same room as Madeline the entire night. Stephan said he was up and down, maybe to grab a drink, but he never slept in Jennifer's bed that night. Stephan stated Madeline would set her alarm for around 0700-0730 hours, and would then snooze for a while. Stephan stated they eventually make it out the door. This contradicts his prior statement saying they made good time getting out of the house to drop her off. Stephan said he was giving Jennifer updates as the morning went along, meaning he was telling Jennifer when Madeline was

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getting dressed and leaving. This was also not true, as Jennifer stated the only time they spoke is when he was getting the leash on the dog and he told her to go back to sleep. Stephan said they had time to kill since they were too early for school, so he returned home because he forgot his gate clicker for the complex. However, when Stephan arrived at the gate, he had his gate clicker in his hand while speaking with the security guard at Venetian Bay. Stephan said Madeline was wearing a green sweatshirt, black shorts and white crocs when he dropped her off. This is a different description he provided deputies during the initial contact. As the interview went on, I asked Stephan if Madeline has ever been sexually active with anyone in the past. Stephan stated there was an incident when she was much younger. Stephan said Madeline did something with a phone or camera, but she wasn't scolded for it. Stephan said she was very young when this happened. I asked Stephan if he provided Orange County deputies consent to search through his phone and he stated yes. I asked Stephan if he had a Google account and he stated he did. When I asked Stephan if he saved pictures to that account, he said sometimes. Stephan stated he did have pictures of him and Madeline saved to that account. When I asked Stephan about all the pictures he had saved, Stephan then asked if he should be talking to a lawyer. Shortly after that, Stephan requested an attorney. Stephan was arrested for sexual battery Sexual Offense Identity when the victim was under 12 years old and possession of child pornography. A search warrant was obtained to collect DNA from Stephan. This warrant was executed by Orange County detectives and forensic unit. Stephan was then transported to the Orange County Jail to be held on a zero bond.

While I was conducting interviews with Jennifer and Stephan, Detective Belardes from the Orange County Sheriff's Office, learned the garbage dumpster from Venetian Bay had not been collected since Stephan is seen on video throwing several items away. Detective Belardes arranged for the dumpster to be collected and transported to 4978 LB McLeod Road, where the dumpster was emptied in a secure area away from all other trash. The Orange County Sheriff's Office Forensic Unit responded and assisted in searching through the trash from the dumpster. Crime Scene Investigators located a tire which in the trash, and near the tire was a plastic bag that looked similar to the one Stephan is seen on camera throwing away. Inside the bag was a black backpack with a Hawaiian print. Inside the backpack was an Orange County Public Schools laptop computer belonging to Madeline Soto. Also, in the bag was a single with croc. This croc matched one that was found in the residence where Madeline resided. These items were collected by the Orange County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Investigators and submitted into evidence.

On February 29, 2024, at approximately 1709 hours, we contacted Jennifer. I advised Jennifer that our crime scene technicians were there to collect additional items that were seen in Stephan's photographs. Jennifer confirmed on the morning of 02/26/2024, she was woken up by Stephan trying to put the leash on their dog. Jennifer got up and Stephan told her not to worry about it and go back to sleep. Jennifer said she doesn't remember Stephan coming back in to tell her goodbye, or saying goodbye to Madeline. I asked her about writing a statement to Orange County deputies about seeing Madeline on the morning of 02/26/2024. Jennifer stated she wanted to believe she saw Madeline, but she actually did not see her. Jennifer said Madeline picked out clothes to wear on the evening of 02/25/2024. I asked Jennifer to explain her and Stephan's sex life, which she described as "vanilla". Stephan would want to have anal sex with Jennifer, but she said she didn't want to. We later spoke about what medication Madeline was taking. Jennifer stated Madeline was taking 20 mg Adderall, 25mg of Hydroxyzine, which is a

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sleeping medication and anxiety medication, and MiraLAX for constipation. I asked Jennifer what is her morning routine with Madeline. She said she makes sure Madeline has her school items ready, while making her breakfast and lunch. Jennifer said she makes sure Madeline takes her medications before school. Then she would take her to school, Jennifer said her entire life was dedicated to Madeline. When I asked Jennifer about the sleeping arrangements, Jennifer said Madeline would sleep with her most of the time, and when Stephan was there, they would all sleep in the same bed together. Jennifer said when her and Stephan broke up, she could only think of a few times that Madeline slept with Stephan in a separate room. Jennifer said she didn't feel comfortable with Madeline sleeping with Stephan, and it didn't look right to her. I asked Jennifer when she started feeling comfortable with it and she said she never was comfortable with it. I challenged Jennifer about telling them to go to sleep together on 02/25/2024, and she it was a selfish move because she wanted a good night's sleep.

On February 29, 2024, at approximately 1933 hours, Sergeant Breuer and myself contacted Angelica Nigro, who is one of Jennifer's roommates. Angelica was placed under oath and she provided the following statement: Jennifer stated she arrived home at approximately 2330 hours, on 02/25/2024. I asked if she seen Madeline or Jennifer when she got home on 02/25/2024. Angelica stated she did not see either of them, and said when Jennifer takes her sleeping medication, she falls into a deep sleep. Angelica stated she did hear noises coming from the bedroom next to her, which would be Stephan's bedroom where he and Madeline slept. Jennifer told Angelica that her and Stephan has not had a sexual relationship within the past six months. Angelica stated on 02/26/2024, she woke up between 0930 hours and she went downstairs to make breakfast around 1030 hours. Angelica stated she saw Stephan in the residence at that time. Angelica said Stephan was acting odd and going upstairs and downstairs, and in and out of the apartment that morning. Stephan was also washing clothes, which she has never seen him do. When Angelica left for work at approximately 1540 hours, Stephan was there. Angelica got home from work at approximately 2300 hours, and that is when Jennifer told her that Madeline was missing. Angelica said Jennifer was crying and very emotional. Angelica described Stephan's emotions as calm, and not how someone would act if their child was missing. Later during the interview, I showed a photograph that was located in Stephan's phone of a nude female in a bathroom. Angelica identified the person in the photograph as her, which she did not give him permission to take those pictures.

On March 1, 2024, at approximately 1157 hours, Detective Smallwood and I contacted Jennifer at her residence for a follow up interview. I advised Jennifer that we would be taking her to the Orange County Sheriff's Office to retrieve her vehicle. I advised Jennifer that I would be taking over the investigation and there would be a press conference this day to announce it. Jennifer asked when I said we, did we mean homicide. I told Jennifer I meant we as the Kissimmee Police Department, but yes, we will be working it as a homicide because we had a strong belief that Madeline was deceased. Jennifer became silent for a few moments and started to cry. Jennifer said she had been avoiding the internet because of the things being said or leaked to the media and it was traumatizing for her. I asked Jennifer where all she has physically looked for Madeline since she had gone missing. Jennifer said she has not looked anywhere for Madeline because she wanted to be home in case she came back home. Jennifer said she has since been staying at her sister's house because she didn't want to be seen in public. I asked Jennifer is Madeline had any siblings, and she said she was married to Steven Young and he had a daughter that was raised along with Madeline. That would be the only person who would be considered a sibling. Jennifer said Stephan

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has been around Steven and his daughter, Ashlynn, a few times. Jennifer said Steven lived in Williamsburg which is by Sea World. I asked Jennifer if her or Stephan was in contact with Steven and she said yes, by text messages and phone calls. I asked Jennifer if I could see those messages and she handed me her phone and said yes. I asked Jennifer how Steven found out about Madeline and she said she told him. Steven was in shock when he heard the news. Jennifer said she had to go out and purchase some small items and she felt like she shouldn't be outside, because of the attention this case has received. Jennifer said she didn't want to end up hospitalized for her mental health. Detective Smallwood asked Jennifer what medication she used to help her sleep. Jennifer said it was called Geodon, but the bottle says Ziprasidone. Jennifer said she has to take it with food and within 30 minutes to an hour she is asleep. Jennifer said Madeline would take Hydroxyzine for her anxiety and also to help her sleep. Jennifer was asked if Stephan has attempted to reach out to her since he was arrested and she became upset and said no, and it would be stupid if he did. Jennifer stated we asked her about Stephan's sexual kinks and she said she remembered last night that he had an anal sex kink. Jennifer said she always refused when Stephan would want anal sex with her. Jennifer also remembered that Stephan would be easily angered and was very irritable and negative about things. Jennifer said Stephan would only get angry at Madeline over normal parenting things, or if Madeline didn't want to do what was asked of her. Jennifer stated she had given Stephan the benefit of the doubt about when he told her he dropped her off at school. Jennifer said Stephan is a master liar and a master manipulator, and she had recently had this conversation with Chris, Stephan's father. Jennifer assumed law enforcement was looking into Stephan because he was the last person to see Madeline, and she wanted to believe he had nothing to do with her going missing. Jennifer said once we showed her the photographs **Sexual Offense Identity** that is when she realized Stephan was guilty. I asked her what she thought Stephan was guilty of, and she replied "he's been grooming and abusing my child". I asked Jennifer if she thought Stephan killed Madeline and she said "at this point, I do". I asked her why she thought that and she said we showed her a photograph of Madeline slumped over in Stephan's vehicle. Jennifer said she felt like Stephan dumped her body somewhere, but she didn't know where. I pressured Jennifer on where she thought Stephan would have dumped Madeline's body, and she kept saying she didn't know. Jennifer became upset and said she would tell us if she knew because she wanted her child back. We arrived at the Orange County Sheriff's Office where Jennifer was taken inside to be interviewed by Detective O'Malley and Detective Smallwood further.

On March 1, 2024, search teams from the Orange County Sheriff's Office, the Osceola County Sheriff's Office and the Saint Cloud Police Department was dispatched to different areas of the respectful jurisdictions to search for Madeline.

A news conference was held by the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the Kissimmee Police Department, asking for the public's help if they may have witnessed Stephan's vehicle in the area. It was also released that Stephan may have been changing his tire on the side of the road.

At approximately 1600 hours, Crime Analyst Donna Sita from the Osceola County Sheriff's Office contacted a witness, Thomas Carris. Thomas told Donna he saw a person matching the description of Stephan with a tire iron in his hand standing next to a silver sedan on Hickory Tree Road. Thomas believed this was on 02/26/2024, at approximately 1320 hours. Thomas provided pictures of the location where he saw this person and pointed out

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the location on a map to Donna. Donna then relayed this information to other deputies who were searching the area for Madeline.

Captain Lori Mingone and Sergeant Sharise Swan responded to the area that Thomas identified. Sergeant Swan knew the property owner who provided access to the locked gates to the property. Captain Mingone walked towards a row of bamboo trees to the left of the opened gate. Captain Mingone located a small body wearing blue jeans and a green sweater. The body had dried grass and hay on top of the body. This information was relayed to Major Fred Hinderman, who notified Captain Schad.

Captain Schad called me to let me know that Madeline`s body was possibly located. I called Major Hinderman, who provided me with the location of the body they had located.

Detective Smallwood, Corporal Illgen and I, responded to 5670 Hickory Tree Road, where we contacted several deputies with the Osceola County Sheriff`s Office. It was decided the Osceola County Sheriff`s Office Forensics Unit would be processing the scene. I asked to be brought to where the body was located. Forensics` supervisor Emily Seda walked me to the area where the body was. Based upon the clothing description seen on several videos, the body did appear to be that of Madeline. The lock to the farm was still locked and didn`t appeared to be tampered with. Stephan would have had to drop Madeline`s body over the barbed wire fence or where the gate was. Then move her body to the location where she was found. I contacted the Orange/Osceola County Medical Examiner`s Office and asked for them to respond to collect Madeline.

Medical Examiner Investigator Kiersein Robinson responded and assisted in processing and preserving the body of Madeline. When Madeline was removed from underneath the dry grass and hay, I immediately was able to identify her by a specific mole she had on her cheek. Madeline showed signs of decomposition to one side of her face and her hands. Madeline was wearing a green hoodie (the hoodie portion was over the top of her head), blue jeans and white socks. The bottom of Madeline`s socks were clean, which indicates she did not walk anywhere, or the socks would have had dirt on the bottom. Madeline was transported to the Medical Examiner`s Office, where an autopsy would be performed the following day.

I placed a telephone call to Jennifer to let her know that we had located Madeline and that she was deceased. Jennifer started to cry over the phone and handed the phone to her father to continue to the conversation. I told him that I would be in touch with the family in the next day or two.

On March 2, 2024, at approximately 1000 hours, Detective Smallwood and I, responded to the Medical Examiner`s Office for Madeline`s autopsy. The autopsy was preformed by Dr. Stephan Giles. Prior to the autopsy, I examined Madeline`s body when it was initially uncovered. I noticed her socks were clean on the bottom, which confirmed my observations when she was located in Saint Cloud. During the autopsy, Dr. Giles expressed concern over the hyoid bone in Madeline`s neck. Dr. Giles stated the right portion of the bone was not intact, which could possibly be related to her being strangled. Dr. Giles listed the initial outcome of the autopsy as pending.

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On March 4, 2024, at approximately 1509 hours, Detective Smallwood and I contacted Thomas Carris, the witness who provided the location to Osceola County Deputies. Thomas stated the following in a sworn statement: Thomas stated he observed the press release in regards to Stephen`s vehicle. Thomas stated he was driving down Hickory Tree Road on 02/24/2024, he noticed the Lincoln on the west side of the road, and a male standing next to the vehicle. The vehicle had a spare tire on the rear driver`s side. Thomas stated he texted a client of his at 1320 hours, saying that he was 20 minutes away from his house. This would be in the timeframe where Stephan passes Hickory Tree Elementary at 1317 hours. Stephan was shown a photo lineup by Officer Vanessa Carey, in which he positively identified Stephan as the person who he saw standing next to the Lincoln at 5670 Hickory Tree Road. Thomas drew on a paper the location of Stephan`s vehicle and identified surrounding trees where Madeline was found. I asked Thomas if anything stood out to him about Stephan as he passed by. Thomas stated Stephan had a scared look to him, but Thomas thought he was upset due to the vehicle being broke down on the side of the road.

On March 5, 2024, at 1419 hours, I made contact with Steven Young at the Kissimmee Police Department. Steven was identified as Jennifer`s ex-husband, prior to Stephan. Stephan was placed under oath and provided the following statement: Steven stated he married Jennifer in 2015 and divorced in either 2016 or 2017, he wasn`t sure. Steven stated he met Jennifer through a dating website. Steven stated they lived in Venetian Bay while they were married, in the same location as Jennifer is living now. When they were living together, it was Steven, Jennifer, Juan (Jennifer`s father), Madeline and Steven`s daughter Ashlynn Young. Steven stated Juan stayed in the bedroom downstairs, he and Jennifer stayed in a room upstairs, and both Madeline and Ashlynn had their own bedrooms upstairs as well. I asked Steven how the relationship with Jennifer was when they were together. Steven stated it was good in the beginning, but later on in the relationship, Jennifer began having mental health issues. Steven said there were times when he would have to take care of the household, when Jennifer was having a bad time with her mental health. Steven decided to remove Ashlynn from that atmosphere, which is when they decided to get divorced. Steven said he considered Madeline as his daughter due to amount of time they spent together. Ashlynn and Madeline would play games online once a month for a few years. Steven would join the game just to talk with Madeline. Steven stated he loved and cared about Madeline even though the relationship with Jennifer didn`t work out. Steven said he thought Madeline was in good hands, so he tried to become with Stephen since he was going to be in Madeline`s life. Steven said he visited Jennifer and Stephan when they lived in Northport, Florida. Steven was playing games with Stephan which ended in a small argument. Ever since the argument of board games, they haven`t spoke since. I asked Steven where he lived when he was living in Florida. Steven said he lived in an area called Williamsburg, which is near Sea World. Steven would move to Colorado in 2022. Steven would keep in contact with Madeline and would inquire how she was being treated by Stephan. I asked Steven to explain the sleeping arrangements when he was living with Jennifer. Steven said Madeline would sleep with Jennifer, but he wasn`t comfortable with Madeline sleeping with them in the same bed. I asked Steven if he had seen any demeanor changes with Madeline. Steven said Madeline seemed off for the last few years, which he thought it could have been Madeline going through puberty, but it started during the end of elementary school. Sexual Offense Identity

Sexual Offense Identity Steven said Jennifer wasn`t different, but she was always trying to figure out her mental health medications. Jennifer recently disclosed to Steven where a recent medication that she had been taking knocks her out, meaning tired and sleeping. I asked Steven how he heard about Madeline and he stated that his wife saw something online. Steven talked with Jennifer on 02/27/2024, when Jennifer

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stated Stephan took Madeline to school and made a bunch of mistakes afterwards like deleting his phone. Jennifer also stated Stephan and Madeline both forgot their phones when he took her to school. Steven said he believed Madeline forgot her phone, but thought it was odd that Stephan forgot his phone because he always had his phone and was typing on it all the time. Steven said he wanted to make sure the spoke with Jennifer over the phone because he wanted to hear the tone of her voice. Steven described Jennifer`s tone as being anxious if something was wrong. Steven said they were speaking over speakerphone and Stephan was with Jennifer. Stephan made the comment that he felt guilty because he forgot his phone, and then he accidentally reset it. Steven couldn`t believe that Stephan was saying over the phone. Jennifer began saying what time she thought she woke up because of the dog, and Stephan interjected and told her that he would take care of the dog so she could rest. I asked Steven if he knew why Jennifer didn`t go to Madeline`s birthday party. Steven said Jennifer`s family can be a lot to handle sometimes, and if she was starting a new job he understood why she wasn`t there. I asked Steven if he thought Jennifer had anything to do with what happened to Madeline, and he said he doesn`t feel like she would deliberately known because she had family that could have helped her with the situation. Steven said Ashlynn is starting to see a new therapist, and he said if she discloses anything related to this case he would let me know.

On March 6, 2024, at approximately 0906 hours, Detective Smallwood and I responded to 21935 Haynes Avenue, Port Charlotte, Florida. We contacted Frank Peralta, who had previously called me and said he wanted to speak about Stephan. Frank was placed under oath and stated the following: Frank stated he found out about Madeline`s death about three to four days prior to this conversation. Frank stated he saw an article on Google that mentioned her death and he watched some YouTube videos. Frank stated the people making YouTube videos described Stephan in a way different than he knew him. Frank said he met Stephan about three years ago because they played the same game called Warhammer. Frank said he thought some of the interviews were weird because Stephan and Jennifer referred to themselves as boyfriend and girlfriend. Frank knew they weren`t in a relationship anymore, so he thought it was odd. I asked Frank if he talked about Jennifer when he hung out with him recently and he said he talked more about Madeline than Jennifer because they created such a strong bond. Frank thought it was strange because Stephan didn`t work, however he had the money to purchase items for the multiple games he played. Frank said he knew that Stephan would take Adderall, because he would be awake all night and would sleep during the day. Frank didn`t know if Stephan took any type of sleeping medication. I asked Frank if he had any conversations with Stephan about his sex life. Frank stated no, however they would be out and an adult female would be interested in Stephan and Stephan showed zero interest. Frank stated Stephan told him the was going to go to Kissimmee the weekend of 02/17/2024, but he didn`t go. Frank stated Stephan was talking about Madeline when he said he was going to Kissimmee that weekend. Frank said Stephan was talking about he and Jennifer ending their relationship and Madeline`s name came up during that conversation. He was more upset about the bond he created with Madeline, than having a relationship with Jennifer. There were no conversations between Stephan and Jennifer mentioning him going to Kissimmee that weekend. Frank stated he didn`t know much about the sleeping arrangements when Stephan was living in Kissimmee.

On March 6, 2024, at approximately 1018 hours, Detective Smallwood and I responded to 2341 Snug Street, Northport, Florida, to speak with Chris Sterns and Debra Sterns, who are the parents of Stephan. Chris stated that he was expecting to speak with us at some point during this investigation. I told them I was trying to get an

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understanding of Stephan`s and Jennifer`s relationship. They stated Stephan and Jennifer were together approximately seven years. Debra stated they didn`t approve of them being together because of drug use. Chris stated it was drug use as well as Jennifer was taking medication for depression and anxiety, and he didn`t think Jennifer was going to be a good influence for Stephan. They explained that both Stephan and Jennifer would sleep all the time and it wasn`t a positive thing for the relationship. When both Stephan and Jennifer would suffer a mental illness episode, they would bring the other person down with them, and it wasn`t a good dynamic. Chris stated Stephan was diagnosed with sleep apnea and he would be up all night and then sleep all day. I asked what Stephan would do when he was in town staying with them, and Chris stated Stephan would lock himself in his bedroom and only come out to eat dinner. Chris stated he brought Stephan back to Northport from Kissimmee because he was tired of supporting him living with Jennifer. Chris stated Stephan was sharing a room with Jennifer, but when they split up, Stephan began living in his own room at the location, so Chris would pay Stephan`s rent of \$600 a month. Chris said when Stephan moved back to their house, Stephan would lock himself in his room and they were always tension due to his sleeping disorder. Chris said when Stephan moved back to Northport, he and Jennifer were supposed to be broken up. I asked Chris if Stephan ever said they were officially broken up and he said yes and no. Chris stated Jennifer told him the week prior to Stephan coming to Kissimmee for this incident, that Jennifer told him she didn`t want Stephan as a partner and he wouldn`t be a good partner for her. Chris said he assumed they were officially ended their relationship because Stephan had recently been seeing another female. I asked how many times Stephan went to Kissimmee after he moved back home. They stated he went to Kissimmee three different times including this most recent time. Once being during Thanksgiving and the other was Christmas. Debra stated in the last year or so, Madeline began showing signs of being bipolar. I asked if she witnessed Jennifer and Madeline "butting" heads as previously mentioned, and she said no. Debra said she would only hear them arguing over the phone. Debra stated she didn`t think Madeline was a very social person and she didn`t have many friends. This was odd because Madeline had several friends at her current school. I asked when Madeline, Jennifer and Stephan were visiting Northport, if any of them took any medication to fall asleep and Debra said no. Debra said Stephan was prescribed an anti-anxiety medication and ADHD medication. But neither one of them knew that Stephan or Jennifer`s medical routines were. I asked if Stephan would drive the silver Lincoln to Kissimmee when he visited Jennifer. Chris said that he would drive Chris`s Lincoln because he didn`t trust Stephan`s vehicle. I asked why Stephan went to Kissimmee this most recent time and Chris said it was for Madeline`s birthday. Debra stated Madeline called Stephan on 02/24/2024, to make sure that he was coming. Chris said something was odd with Stephan and he was very upset. Stephan was anxiously looking for anxiety medication from Chris and Debra, but was unsuccessful. Chris said Stephan looked very stressed out on Saturday (02/24/2024) evening. Chris said he felt that Stephan was more stressed out over something rather than upset at something, but had no idea what was stressing him out. I asked when did they hear about what happened with Madeline`s disappearance, and Chris said he spoke with Stephan when he arrived in Kissimmee on 02/25/2024. Chris said he tried to get a hold of Stephan several times on Monday (02/26/2024) morning, but he didn`t get an answer. Stephan called Chris at 1517 hours and Stephan`s voice seemed a little off to Chris. During that conversation, Stephan tells Chris that he got a flat tire somewhere on Highway 192. Stephan tells Chris that he changed the tire but got injured during the process due to pinching his finger between the jack and the vehicle. Stephan then calls Chris back at 1654 hours, and Stephan tells Chris that there has been "an occurrence" and he was on his way to Madeline`s grandmothers house. Chris thought that was a strange use of words. Stephan then tells Chris the story of him dropping Madeline off near the school

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because she didn't want to be seen in his car. Chris thought it was strange that two incidents happened during the same day. Stephan tells Chris that Madeline had not been in school all day and the area where she was dropped off at was a known area for kidnappings and abductions. The area of Hunters Creek Middle School is an upper middle-class neighborhood, and not an area like Stephan told Chris. During the conversation, Chris said Stephan was upset as if he was holding himself responsible for Madeline's disappearance. Chris said he felt that Stephan was rehearsing his story on him because it was the same routine that he used during Stephan's statement during a media interview on Tuesday (02/27/2024). Chris would speak with Stephan over the phone a few more times during Monday and Tuesday. Chris would ask what Stephan and Jennifer have done to help find Madeline, and when it was mentioned law enforcement wanted Stephan's phone, Chris advised him to hand his phone over if there wasn't anything incriminating on it. Stephan then told Chris that he accidentally reset his phone when doing an update, Chris thought it was bullshit and said there was no way to accidentally do that. I asked Chris why he went to Kissimmee, and he said Stephan told him they were getting kicked out of their home and had to stay in a hotel. This is when the residence was secured for a search warrant. Chris went to Kissimmee to assist Stephan and Jennifer for whatever they needed. Chris said when he left, he couldn't lock the front door because the batteries were dead in the electronic lock, so he advised Debra of the issue. When Chris got to Kissimmee, he met up with Stephan and Jennifer and they had a small discussion on the probable interviews that may take place the following day and they went to their respective rooms. Chris said he got a call from Jennifer the following morning (02/28/2024), asking if Stephan was with him. Chris and Jennifer met in the lobby and Chris asked Jennifer if her car keys were in the room and she says no. Jennifer received a phone call from a detective saying they are wanting to conduct an interview; however, Stephan was not there. Chris became concerned at that point thinking Stephan was going to look guilty. Stephan eventually shows up to the hotel and told a story that he got lost. Chris didn't believe the story because Jennifer's car has a GPS feature which would provide accurate directions. Chris was able to speak with Detective Alex Richards, who advised Chris that Stephan was in Northport early Wednesday morning. Detective Richards told Chris they had information that Stephan possibly went to his storage facility located at 1001 Executive Avenue, #124, Northport, Florida. Chris said Stephan would have been disappointed because there was no way to gain access into their home because the only way inside would have been through the garage, which he didn't have remote for. Chris stated when Stephan eventually made it back to the hotel, he went to sleep and there was no waking him up. I asked Chris why Stephan would come to the house, and he said the only reason would be to possibly steal something to get money. I asked if they have spoke with Jennifer since Stephan was arrested and Chris stated they exchanged a few texts. Debra asked if we spoke to Jennifer about what happened after Madeline's birthday party. Debra stated Jennifer told them she asked Madeline to go sleep with Stephan in his room, and Debra was not ok with that and that was another reason they wanted Stephan to come back to their home to stay. I asked them if Stephan had any medication prescribed to him when the came to Kissimmee and he said no. Stephan was having a lapse in insurance coverage. I asked Chris when Northport Police Department contacted him, did he give them a desktop computer and he said yes. Chris said they gave Northport Police Department full access to Stephan's room, but it did not appear they took anything of evidentiary value other than the computer that Chris gave them. Chris went on to say that Jennifer should not have been acting they way she was after just learning that [REDACTED Sexual Offense Identity] Then also stated he thought everything that Stephan would say was a lie and he didn't know what to believe, especially during the media interview. Detective Smallwood asked them if they thought Stephan would be capable of doing something like this, and Debra said no, and she thought it may have

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been an accident.

After the interview was concluded, Detective Smallwood and I responded to the Northport Police Department, where we collected the tower computer and power cord collected from Stephan`s room. The computer was delivered to the Kissimmee Police Department and submitted into evidence.

On March 7, 2024, at approximately 1038 hours, I contacted Nathalie Rosero, who is a roommate that lived at 4012 Santa Maria Drive. Nathalie provided the following in a sworn statement: Nathalie stated she has known Jennifer for years because she was friends with Jennifer`s sister. Nathalie moved into the residence in the beginning of 2022. Nathalie stated Stephan was already living at the residence, but she didn`t communicate with him outside of saying hello and goodbye. Nathalie would spend most of her time in her own bedroom with her son. Jennifer confided in Nathalie that Stephan wasn`t maintaining a job to help provide for the household. That is when Stephan moved upstairs away from Jennifer and eventually moving out of the residence and back to his mother and father`s residence. Nathalie stated her work schedule and morning routine are consistent because it had to be for her son. Nathalie stated she makes it a point to be out of the house by 0745 hours, because she has to drop off her son before she goes to work. Nathalie stated Madeline is normally waking up as she is leaving for the day, and she would sometimes see her. I asked if she ever seen Madeline getting ready for school, and she said that Madeline would typically get ready for school in Jennifer`s bedroom. I asked Nathalie if she has ever seen Madeline be alone with Stephan, and she could only remember one time they were inside of his room playing video games. Nathalie text Jennifer asking if she was good with Madeline being in the room alone with Stephan, and Jennifer replied saying thank you. I asked Nathalie if Jennifer takes medication, and she said she thought she took medication to help with her ADHD and sleeping habits. Nathalie described an incident where she tried waking Jennifer up in the middle of the night because someone tried breaking into her car. Nathalie stated it was very hard to wake Jennifer up, and believed it was because of the medication. Nathalie stated during the evening of 02/26/2024, Nathalie told Jennifer that she would help pass out flyers on 02/27/2024, or do whatever else that needed done to find Madeline. That is when Stephan looks at Nathalie and asks her "Are you ok?". Nathalie became annoyed and told him no. Nathalie was bothered with this question from Stephan, and thought the question was odd. Nathalie described Jennifer as being "in pieces" meaning very upset about Madeline`s disappearance, and Stephan was acting like he was concerned. I asked Nathalie if she has ever known Madeline want to go to school early, and she said no. Nathalie stated she did not think Jennifer had anything to do with Madeline`s death, and became very emotional saying they love their kids.

On March 7, 2024, at approximately 1307 hours, Detective Reyes Soto an I contacted Angelica to conduct a follow up interview. It appeared that Angelica was moving out of the residence she shared with Jennifer and Madeline. I wanted to confirm the timeline we had previously spoke about. Angelica stated she got home from work on 02/25/2024, at approximately 2300 to 2330 hours. I asked if she seen anyone when she got home and she said no, but could hear people upstairs. I asked Angelica if Jennifer`s door was open and she described it as being cracked open slightly. Angelica stated she went to sleep around 0230, which is she was hearing noises coming from Stephan`s room. She described the noises as of someone was putting stuff on a table, which in order for her to hear noises it would have to be significant based upon the noise would have to travel through two closed doors and

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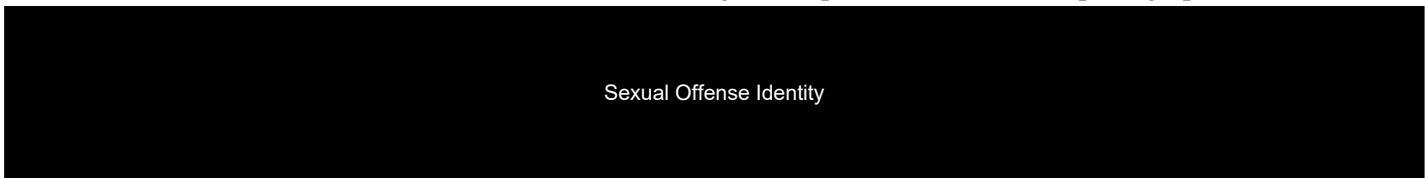
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across a hallway. Angelica stated if Jennifer is awake, the television would be on or a light would be on in her room. Which when she got home, neither were on, which led Angelica to believe Jennifer was sleeping. Angelica said she did see the light on in Stephan`s bedroom when she got home. Angelica said she woke up around 0930 the next morning. She eventually went downstairs to make breakfast and she seen Stephan. Angelica said Stephan was going in and out of the house and up and down the stairs. The next time she seen Stephan was around 1330 to 1400 hours, and Stephan was washing clothes. I asked Angelica about the sleeping arrangements, and she said all three of them would sleep together. They made a small space for Madeline to sleep in the living room, but she didn`t like it so she would sleep with Jennifer. I asked if she ever witnessed Stephan and Madeline go into Stephan`s bedroom by themselves, and she said yes. Jennifer would be at the house when this occurred. Angelica said she had a conversation with Jennifer about Stephan and Madeline going into the same room together and Jennifer would tell her that Stephan would never harm Madeline, so she was ok with it happening. Angelica stated she had another conversation with Jennifer about her sexual interactions or lack there of with Stephan. Angelica said they didn`t have sexual relations often and that is why she didn`t want to be with him any longer. When Stephan was told he had to move out of the house, Angelica stated he was not happy. Madeline did not appear to be upset with Stephan moving out of the house. I asked Angelica what Madeline`s routine would be when she would wake up for school. Angelica said Madeline would go to her portion of the living room and get dressed. She would eat breakfast and Jennifer would let her sleep a little while longer before they left to school. Angelica stated she has never seen Stephan take Madeline to school. I asked Angelica how Jennifer was acting from what happened. She said Jennifer was "bad" and she couldn`t believe this was happening.

Over the next couple weeks, I reviewed the cellular phone data that was extracted from Stephen, Jennifer and Madeline`s phones.

Madeline`s phone revealed the following:

On 12/16/2023, at 0047 hours, Madeline sends a text message to Stephan that contained a photograph of two coins. The



Detailed information about steps in the health application for iPhone during the timeframe between 02/25/2024 at 2030 hours and 02/26/2024 at 1600 hours:
02/25/2024 at 2209 hours - 9 steps taken
02/25/2024 at 2319 hours - 31 steps taken and 1 floor climbed, which matched the time when Jennifer sent Madeline and Stephan upstairs to go to sleep.
02/26/2024 at 0705 hours - 113 steps
02/26/2024 at 0715 hours- 50 steps
02/26/2024 at 1055 hours - 8 steps, which is when Stephan is back at the residence.

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02/26/2024 at 1437 hours - 54 steps, which is when Jennifer would be taking Madeline`s phone to her when she left to go pick her up from school.

02/26/2024 at 1703 hours were the next steps counted

Madeline`s phone was plugged in to charge on 02/25/2024 at 2338 hours. Madeline`s phone is unplugged from the charger on 02/26/2024 at 0704 hours. The phone is then powered off at 0716 hours. This pattern of Madeline`s cellular phone use is not typical of her normal day. Which shows this activity was not physically done by Madeline. On 02/26/2024, at 1055 hours, is the next time Madeline`s cellular phone is turned back on, which coincides with the 8 steps it moved at the same time. Stephan and Angelica would have been the only people in the house at that time, and per Angelica`s statement, she was inside of her bedroom during this time and only seen Stephan while he was doing laundry.

Upon reviewing Stephan`s cellular phone download, the following was observed: On 02/26/2024 at 1212 hours, a factory reset was done on the phone. This can only be accomplished by navigating to the settings option in the phone, tapping general management, swipe and tap reset, the tap factory data reset, and then review the information. Once reviewing the information is complete, swipe and tap reset. If there is a password on the phone, at this time a person would have to enter their password. This shows that Stephan could not have accidentally reset his phone, as it has nothing to do with a phone update as he stated during his previous statements made under oath. Another factory reset was done on Stephan`s cellular phone on 02/27/2024 at 0000 hours. This would be the timeframe of his last statements to law enforcement and before he drove Jennifer`s car to Saint Cloud. Also, on Stephan`s cellular phone was over 1000 images in a **Sexual Offense** in his photographs, most of these photographs are sexually graphic in nature. These images will be described upon reviewing Stephan`s Google information. Stephan also searches Sevoflurane on two different dates: 02/12/2024 and 02/14/2024. Sevoflurane is a volatile anesthetic that provides hypnosis, amnesia, analgesia, akinesia, and autonomic blockade during surgical and procedural interventions. Clinical uses include inhalational induction of general anesthesia in neonatal and pediatric patients secondary to IV`s. This information was obtained by Google. It is unknown why Stephan would be searching this item using the search terms of "show up in drug test", when he wasn`t attempting to get a job or he didn`t have any children that were having surgery.

Upon reviewing Jennifer`s cellular phone download, the following was observed: Jennifer would set an alarm at 0730 hours, on days that she would bring Madeline to school. There were messages between Jennifer and Stephan on 02/25/2024, starting at 2339 hours, that stated the following:

02/25/2024 at 2339 hours - Jennifer text Stephan "Make sure she goes to bed right now"

02/25/2024 at 2339 hours - Stephan replies "Ok sweetie, goodnight"

02/25/2024 at 2339 hours - Jennifer replies "Goodnight"

02/25/2024 at 2340 hours - Stephan texts Jennifer "She`s built her nest and she`s settling in now"

02/25/2024 at 2340 hours - Jennifer replies "Ok good"

These messages confirm what Jennifer stated during interviews, that Stephan and Madeline were alone in his

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bedroom prior to her death the following morning.

On 02/25/2024, Jennifer set her cellular phone on a wireless charger at 2354 hours. On 02/26/2024, Jennifer set an alarm to go off at 0900 hours. The alarm was removed from the notifications while still on the wireless charger. On 02/26/2024, at 0919 hours, Jennifer`s cellular phone was physically removed from the wireless charger. This is consistent with her daily activities with removing the alarm notifications, or snoozing the alarm. There were several other messages between her and Stephan regarding Madeline sleeping in the same room together. There was also text messages between Stephan and Jennifer claiming Stephan gave Madeline an extra dose of her medication when it was not necessary.

I was able to search through images on Stephan`s Google account that was recovered from a lawful search warrant submitted by the Orange County Sheriff`s Office. I observed the following videos/images of high interest:

File name: 20190702\_205542-1fmeiswnlg1r6

Description: Video file depicting a pre-pubescent female resembling [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] is laying next to Stephan in a bed watching cartoons on the television. Stephan is asking [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] to put his penis in [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] mouth for three seconds as he counts. Stephan states [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] would not be able to play with a phone unless she did it.

File name: 20220321\_033354-1jb1fqgi03xc2

Description: Image file depicting [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] Stephan is inserting his finger into [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] vagina while [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] appears to be sleeping.

File name: 20220722\_041929-1jb1fjyebmj6a

Description: Image file depicting [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] Stephan is inserting his penis into [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] mouth while [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] appears to be sleeping.

File name: 20220729\_031723-1jb1fnykw6taq

Description: Image file depicting [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] Stephan is inserting his penis into [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] mouth while [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] appears to be sleeping.

File name: 20220802\_002605-1jb1funuqisiq

Description: Image file depicting [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] Stephan is inserting his penis into [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] mouth while [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] is underneath a blanket.

File name: 20220802\_003957-1jb1fuwer72xe

Description: Image file depicting [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] Stephan is inserting his penis into [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] vagina. [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] identity is confirmed by a [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] This same mark is seen in several other photographs of [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity]

File name: 20220810\_044831-1jb1fxdkvb0ia

Description: Image file depicting [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] Stephan is inserting his penis into [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] anus. [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] identity is confirmed by a [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity] This same mark is seen in several other photographs of [Redacted Sexual Offense Identity]

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Description: Image file depicting Sexual Offense Identity Stephan is inserting his penis into
Sexual mouth while Sex appears to be sleeping.

File name: 20220816\_043317-1jb1g26tvo3zm

Description: Image file depicting Sexual Offense Identity Stephan is inserting his penis into
Sexual anus. Sexual identity is confirmed by a Sexual Offense Identity This same mark is
seen in several other photographs of Sexual Offense Identity

File name: 20220818\_043049-1jb1g3jk2f782

Description: Image file depicting Sexual Offense Identity Stephan is inserting his penis into
Law vagina Sexual identity is confirmed by a Sexual Offense Identity This same mark
is seen in several other photographs of Madeline.

There were hundreds of other images containing Madeline within Stephan`s Google account, with most of them depicting sexual activity. A copy of Stephan`s Google account was submitted into evidence.

On March 12, 2024, at approximately 1239 hours, Detective Smallwood and I responded to Hunters Creek Middle school to interview classmates of Madeline. We contacted Sydney Snyder, who stated she didn`t have any classes with Madeline and would only see her in passing at school. Sydney stated she was friends with some of Madeline`s friends and that is how she met her. Sydney stated the last time she spoke with Madeline was on 02/23/2024, when they were talking about a boy she liked named Miguel. Sydney said she got a lot of her information from Sage, who was Madeline`s best friend. It appeared that Sydney did not have any pertinent information regarding this case.

We then contacted Ireland Shaw, who identified herself as one of Madeline`s friends. Ireland stated Madeline was typically a happy person, however she wouldn`t talk to her on a personal level. She knew Madeline had a birthday party, but didn`t know who attended. Ireland confirmed Sage was Madeline`s best friend. It appeared that Ireland did not have any pertinent information regarding this case.

On March 13, 2024, at approximately 0900 hours, Detective Pinnell and I responded to 6080 Hickory Tree Road, where we contacted Sylvana Vester. The Kissimmee Police Department received a tip about this case that mentioned Sylvana, who possibly had information regarding Madeline. I asked Sylvana if she could provide me with some insight on Madeline`s family. Sylvana stated she has known the family for approximately two years, which would put Madeline around 11 years old. Sylvana stated she would go hiking with Jennifer and Madeline in the area of Lake Lizzie (Saint Cloud, Florida). Sylvana stated Jennifer started dating Stephan and she didn`t think very highly of him because he didn`t have a job, and all he would spend most of his time painting figurines. I asked who would come to this area to visit when they went hiking. Sylvana stated it would only be Jennifer and Madeline, Stephan never once went with them. Sylvana did not know why Stephan would be in Saint Cloud, because according to her he does not have any ties to that area.

On March 13, 2026, at approximately 1600 hours, Detective Kaluszkin and I responded to 14577 Caplock Drive, Orlando, Florida to make contact with Sage Ellis. Sage was identified as Madeline`s best friend by multiple people. Sage was placed under oath to obtain the following statement: I explained to Sage and her mother that was

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present, that I understood that she was previously interviewed by detectives from the Orange County Sheriff's Office. I had to clarify a couple of items she had previously discussed. I asked who else was at Madeline's birthday party other than her family. Sage stated another girl from their school, Emily, was there. Sage did not know Emily's last name. I asked Sage how Madeline was acting at her party, and she stated when she got there, she was kind of acting upset. But when Emily got there, she changed her demeanor and began to act happy. I advised Sage that she had previously mentioned her and Madeline may have been on the same menstrual cycle, meaning they got their period at or near the same time monthly. Sage clarified that Madeline got her period in January, but she didn't know if she got her period in February or not. Sage then explained that Madeline was upset because some of her friends cancelled going to her party the day before. Sage assumed Madeline was upset at the party because Jennifer was not there. Sage stated whenever she woke up, she would always have text messages from Madeline. This would occur everyday according to Sage. But Sage did not receive a message from Madeline on 02/26/2024.

On March 14, 2024, Corporal Edward Diehl authored a search warrant to obtain the fingerprints of Stephan. The warrant was signed by the Honorable Judge John Beamer.

On March 15, 2024, at approximately 0941 hours, Detective Acevedo and I responded to the Osceola County Jail to execute the search warrant for Stephan's fingerprints. Crime Scene Technician Alex Figueroa and Supervisor Isabel Johnson also responded to collect the fingerprints. Stephan was provided a copy of the signed search warrant and he cooperated while his fingerprints were collected. Once the fingerprints were collected, Stephan was escorted to his portion of the jail.

On March 20, 2024, at approximately 1356 hours, Detective Smallwood and I responded to 4030 Packard Avenue, Saint Cloud, Florida, where we contacted Walter Roska. Walter had previously called in a tip regarding possibly seeing Stephan changing his tire. Walter stated the following under oath: Walter stated he saw the media release about attempting to identify Stephan and his vehicle and where he may have changed his tire. Walter said he noticed a person resembling Stephan and the vehicle mentioned on the side of the road just south of Hickory Tree Road and Old Hickory Tree Road. Walter didn't think anything about it and continued driving. Walter mentioned he seen this vehicle at approximately 1200 hours, on 02/26/2024. It is unknown if Walter was unsure about his timeframe, due to the fact that Stephan was not in that area at 1200 hours, based upon security footage and cell phone data.

On March 28, 2024, the Honorable Judge J. Bigney signed a search warrant for Madeline's medical records. The warrant was executed at 102 Park Place Boulevard #D1, Kissimmee, Florida 34741 (OPA Behavioral Health). I was provided her medical records upon execution of the warrant. Upon reviewing Madeline's medical records, it appears that she was diagnosed with ADHD and anxiety disorder. These records were submitted into evidence at the Kissimmee Police Department. The Honorable Judge J. Bigney also signed a search warrant for the Fitbit device that Stephan was wearing during the time he was with Madeline on 02/26/2024. This warrant was sent to Google who provides the records for Fitbit.

On March 29, 2024, I received the case synopsis from the medical examiner's office. Dr. Giles ruled the cause of

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death as strangulation and the manner of death is homicide.

On 04/10/2024, at 1453 hours. Stephan calls Chris Sterns, using inmate identification 1419688. 12:57 minutes into the call Stephan tells Chris, "you know that I would have never wanted that for her", meaning Madeline. Stephan then says "I am not sure really that any one person is specifically responsible, its probably a combination of factors that led to it", "I have never felt anything like that before, it was horrible". Chris tells Stephan that he hopes the truth will come out, and Stephan responds "Well, yeah", as if he was dodging that statement. This call was downloaded and submitted into Evidence.com.

On April 11, 2024, I received a message from Chris stating he had an update regarding this case. I contacted Chris by telephone who stated he was cleaning out the storage unit he had on Executive Avenue. Chris stated he opened one of the storage bins and located a hard drive that would be normally housed in a desktop computer. In the same storage bin Chris located a watch, that Stephan previously told Chris during a phone call from the Osceola County Jail was in his bedroom. Chris stated Stephan must have gained access to the storage unit when he made the trip to Northport on 02/28/2024. I told Chris that I would have a Detective from Northport Police Department contact him to arrange a time to retrieve the hard drive. Chris previously stated he witnessed Stephan using his desk top computer on 02/24/2024, and he never gained access to the residence after leaving to Kissimmee on 02/25/2024. It appears that Stephan had intentionally removed the hard drive from his computer in an attempt to conceal the contents.

On April 12, 2024, I drove to Northport Police Department to retrieve the items that Chris provided to Detective`s. There was a hard drive that appeared to be removed from a desk top or tower computer and two other USB drives. A search warrant will be obtained to retrieve the contents of those drives.

On April 15, 2024, the Honorable Judge Michael Murphy, signed a search warrant for the hard drive and two USB drives collected from Chris. These items were delivered to Agent Georgie Torres with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to be examined.

On April 17, 2024, the Honorable Judge Michael Murphy, signed a search warrant to obtain the iCloud records from Apple for Jennifer and Madeline. The search warrant was submitted to Apple via email.

On April 18, 2024, at approximately 0830 hours, Jennifer and her attorney Matthews Bark, arrived at the Kissimmee Police Department, based upon an investigative subpoena that was issued by the State Attorney`s Office. Due to technical issues with State Attorney Will Jay`s computer, the interview was moved to the State Attorney`s Office at the Osceola County Courthouse. The interview was led by State Attorney Will Jay. Will placed Jennifer under oath who swore to tell the truth during the interview. Will asked Jennifer if she was working on the night of 02/25/2024, at Disney and she stated yes and she got home approximately 2230 hours. Jennifer stated when she got home, Stephan and Madeline were the only people downstairs. Jennifer could not remember what either Stephan or Madeline were wearing when she got home from work. Will asked Jennifer if she remember if Madeline was wearing a green sweatshirt when she got home from work and she stated no, she was not wearing

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that. Jennifer stated Madeline would have been wearing whatever clothes she would be sleeping in. Jennifer could not remember what time Stephan got to the residence. Jennifer stated she was in her bedroom with Stephan and Madeline approximately 30 minutes before she sent them upstairs to go to bed. Will asked Jennifer why Stephan wasn't invited to the party, and she stated because her mother doesn't get along with Stephan. Jennifer stated she instructed Madeline to take her night time medication when she got home, which Jennifer states she allows Madeline to do time to time. Jennifer stated Madeline takes Hydroxyzine and MiraLax. Jennifer stated since Madeline has been staying with her mother, she hasn't been taking the MiraLax consistently. Will asked Jennifer if Madeline normally sets out her clothes the night before and if she makes the decision in the morning. Jennifer stated the decision is typically made in the morning. Jennifer stated since she knew Stephan was going to be taking Madeline to school, she asked her to set out clothes to have everything ready to go. Jennifer did not know if Madeline took clothes with her upstairs to Stephan's bedroom. Jennifer states she does not have any further communication with Stephan or Madeline after the last text from Stephan stating Madeline has built her nest. The next time Jennifer sees Stephan is when he is trying to put the leash on their dog in the morning time of 02/26/2024. Jennifer states she does not use her phone or gets up during the night because she was sleeping the entire night. Jennifer confirmed that she only got up out of bed when Stephan was trying to put the leash on the dog, but Stephan told her to go back to bed, so she laid back down and went to sleep. Jennifer said she heard someone in the kitchen, but did not know who it was. Will asked Jennifer if Madeline would have come into her room to tell her goodbye when she left for school. Jennifer stated she would have hoped she would have. Jennifer said she is woken up by her alarm clock that was set for 0900 hours. Jennifer stated she didn't remember if she saw anyone that morning, but she thinks she may have seen one of her roommates. Jennifer stated she didn't receive any communication from Madeline the morning of 02/26/2024. Jennifer stated the first time she communicated with Stephan was approximately 1000 hours, when he told her that he left his phone at the house. Stephan told Jennifer that Madeline had a good morning and that he was going to take her to McDonalds, but she changed her mind and all she wanted to do was sleep in the car. Jennifer was asked to confirm if she went anywhere else when she left to go to her doctor's appointment and she said no. Jennifer said she was supposed to have another appointment later that day but canceled it due to the cost of the appointment. Jennifer said when she got home Stephan was at the residence. She said Stephan was wearing a red shirt with some sort of graphic on it. Jennifer said Stephan was acting normal. He told her after he dropped Madeline off at school he went to the vape store and they were not open. He said he waited a while then left and drove around before going back to the residence. Stephan then told Jennifer that he was going to run a few more errands somewhere on Highway 192, and she asked him if he was going to be back in time to go get Madeline from school. Stephan told her that he would be back by 1430 hours. While they were speaking in Jennifer's bedroom, that is when Stephan told Jennifer that he accidentally did a factory reset on his phone. Stephan then leaves the residence and Jennifer stays home. Jennifer then starts to call and text Stephan to see if he was going to be home soon to go get Madeline from school, but he doesn't respond. Shortly after Jennifer leaves to go get Madeline, Stephan calls Jennifer and tells him that he accidentally left his phone at home again. Jennifer said at some point during the morning she was putting stuff away and noticed Madeline's phone on her dresser, so she picked it up and brought it with her to the school. Will asked Jennifer why she asked Stephan to help her with Madeline while she was training at work. Jennifer said if Madeline stays with her mother, she doesn't get to see her much. So, if Stephan watched Madeline, she would be able to see her more at home. Jennifer was asked if she knew the plans about getting McDonalds in the morning of 02/26/2024. Jennifer said they talked about it the night

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before, but they didn't talk about when they would leave the residence. Will asked Jennifer if Madeline ever had side effects of the hydroxyzine, and she said if Madeline took the medication later than normal she would feel sluggish. Will then asked Jennifer why she let Stephan still stay in the home after they ended their relationship. Jennifer stated she considered Stephan as one of her best friends. Jennifer said she didn't want to see him revert back to his mental health issues like he has previously. Will then asked Jennifer about Madeline's sleeping habits. Jennifer stated Madeline would sleep with her a majority of the time, and when Stephan began staying there, the three of them would sleep in the same bed. Jennifer stated Madeline never wanted to sleep alone in her bedroom. Jennifer couldn't remember how many times she left Madeline sleep with Stephan alone in his bedroom. Jennifer stated she allowed it because she trusted Stephan, and he treated her as his daughter. When Jennifer stated she and Stephan ended their relationship, Madeline had an idea but never spoke about it. Jennifer said she spoke with Stephan about possibly moving back to help him get on his feet, but she didn't know if it was going to be permanent or temporary. Will asked Jennifer if she knew that Madeline was being abused by Stephan prior to the interview at the Orange County Sheriff's Office and she said no. Will stated Jennifer text Madeline's father about not wanting her to be filmed underneath bathroom doors. Jennifer stated she had just heard a story about someone filming in bathrooms on an airplane. Jennifer was asked why Stephan didn't take her car to take Madeline to school and she said that Stephan was not on her insurance, so she didn't want to take that risk. Will asked Jennifer again if she ever seen Madeline the morning of 02/26/2024, and she said not. Jennifer also stated that she didn't know about how she died. I asked Jennifer how many times Stephan came to Kissimmee after he moved out and she said two to three times. Jennifer also stated bedroom four was empty, but there were white colored sheets that was on his bed, but she didn't know if Stephan used any other blankets.

On April 22, 2024, I responded to FDLE and made contact with Agent Torres to retrieve the downloads from the two USB drives and hard drive. Upon reviewing the data from the USB drives, one of the drives was empty and the other drive contained over 35000 images of child pornography. It did not appear that **Sexual** was in any of those images. The hard drive was not used since 2020, and it did not contain anything of evidentiary value.

On April 24, 2024, this case was brought before a grand jury and Stephan Sterns was indicted on First Degree Pre Meditated Murder.

On April 30, 2024, the Honorable Judge Vincent Chiu signed search warrants for Madeline's pediatrician and gastroenterologist doctors. A supplement will be completed with the results of the medical records.

This supplement will be forwarded to the State Attorney's Office.

Investigator Signature

Supervisor Signature

# Public Records Exemptions

Enclosed please find a copy of the response documents for your public records request. The following information is provided to explain the process employed to review and produce the response documents.

Reason	Description	Pages
Sexual Offense Identity	F.S. 119.071(2)(h)(1)(b) - Any information that reveals the identity of a victim of a sexual offense is confidential and exempt.	2, 4, 12-14, 19, 20, 32, 34, 35, 37, 39, 42, 44-47, 51
Law Enforcement or Civilian Law Enforcement Personnel	FS 119.071(4)(d) 2.a The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of active or former sworn law enforcement personnel or of active or former civilian personnel employed by a law enforcement agency, including correctional and correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of Children and Families whose duties include the investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments whose responsibilities include revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.	13, 47
E911 System Identification	F.S. 365.171(12)(a) - Information revealing the identity or phone of a person reporting an emergency by accessing the E911 system is confidential and exempt.	28-29