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SSO Case #:	SSO BK #:	OBTS #:	Arrest #:
Agency Case #:23-040755	SAO #:	FDLE #:	UTC#:

ADULT ARREST: With Warrant

JUVENILE: N/A

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

Defendant: Matthew Robert Ropp Alias:

DOB:05/26/2000 Age: 23 Sex: Male Race:White Hgt: 510 Wgt: 150 Hair:Blond or Eyes:Hazel

Street:7375 Paragon Rd City:North Port State:FL Zip: 34291

Phone:(941) 716-5773 Scars/Tattoos:

DL #:R100556001860 ST: FL S [REDACTED] Place of Birth:Ponca City

Occupation: Employer:

Employer Address: Phone:

Citizenship	Immigration Status	Residence Type	Residence Status	Under the Influence
US	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent/Legal U.S.	<input type="checkbox"/> City	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Drugs:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Visitor	<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unk
	<input type="checkbox"/> Undocumented Illegal	<input type="checkbox"/> Florida	<input type="checkbox"/> Part Year	Alcohol:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Out of State	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unk

CRIME EVENT

Date:06/12/23 Time:0545 Loc. Type:1. Residence/Single Zone: Grid:

Crime Location: [REDACTED]

F.S. / Ord #:800.04(5)(b)	Charge:Lewd/Lascivious Molest Vic Less 12Yoa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fel <input type="checkbox"/> Misd	Bond:
F.S. / Ord #:800.04(7)(b)	Charge:Lewd/Lascivious Exhibition Offender 18 Yoa or Older	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fel <input type="checkbox"/> Misd	Bond:
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Investigating Officer: Tayler Cooper I.D. #: 312

Drug Unit: 00. N/A Drug Type: N. N/A Drug Activity: N. N/A

Weapon Type: 00. N/A Weapon Finish: N/A Caliber Type: Weapon Seized:

ARREST EVENT

Date: Time: Arrest LEO / ID#: Assist LEO / ID #:

Arrest Location: Zone: Grid:

Capias/Warrant #: County/State of Warrant:

Dated Booked: Time Booked: Returnable Date: Booking Officer:

Released By: Released To: Date: Time:

VICTIM INFORMATION

Victim Name: [REDACTED] Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Work/Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] Age: [REDACTED] Sex: [REDACTED] Race: [REDACTED] Notified of Release: Yes No Time:

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CO-DEFENDANT

Co-Def Name:				Home Phone:	
Address:				Work/Cell Phone:	
DOB:	Age:	Sex:	Race:		

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Co-Def Name:				Home Phone:	
Address:				Work/Cell Phone:	
DOB:	Age:	Sex:	Race:		

TO BE COMPLETED BY L.E.O. FOR JUVENILE DEFENDANT

JUVENILE

PARENT / GUARDIAN

Name:				Home Phone:	
Address:				Work/Cell Phone:	
DOB:	Age:	Sex:	Race:	Relation: N/A	

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Name:				Home Phone:	
Address:				Work/Cell Phone:	
DOB:	Age:	Sex:	Race:	Relation: N/A	

Act was admitted: N/A		Juvenile was: N/A		Parents were: N/A	
Prior Arrest: N/A	Processed: N/A	By:	ID:	Dept:	
Juvenile Authority Contacted:			Name of Person Contacted:		
Released to: N/A		Date Released:		Time Released:	
Released to:		Home Phone:		Work/Cell Phone:	
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:	

NOTICE TO PARENT OR CUSTODIAN

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JUVENILE SIGNATURE

PARENT / CUSTODIAN SIGNATURE

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NARRATIVE

On 06/12/2023 at 0630 hours, Ofc. Lagarce responded to [redacted] in reference to a lewd and lascivious molestation investigation. When he arrived, he met with the [redacted] who will hereinafter be referred to as the victim, and [redacted]

[redacted] explained to Ofc. Lagarce that she has [redacted] 23-year-old friend, Matthew Ropp [redacted] while he tried to get a job. She said early in the morning on 06/12/2023, she was woken up by the victim, who told her that Matthew had entered her bedroom and placed his hand onto her vagina and showed her his penis.

[redacted] said she and [redacted] got out of bed and confronted Matthew and told him to get out of [redacted]. She said Matthew was "acting confused" and was getting up from "sleeping." She said Matthew got up without hesitation and left their residence.

On 06/22/2023 a forensic interview was conducted with the victim at the North Port Child Protection Center; Case Coordinator Kira Parks conducted the interview. Kira asked the victim who currently lives in her home, and she advised her uncle, cousin, 3 brothers, mom, dad and her. The victim said she has her own bedroom.

Kira asked the victim to tell her what happened, the victim said she was in her bedroom with her two younger cousins who were sleeping in the bed with her that night. She said she heard footsteps coming into her bedroom, but she thought it was her other cousin and didn't think anything of it at the time. She said her bedroom door was closed and kept hearing footsteps getting closer to her bedroom. She said this was at approximately 0545 hours and she heard her door creak. The victim said she first thought it was a dream but woke up because she felt someone touching her. The victim told Kira, "I can feel it because someone has their hands in my pants and everything. So, I was like, Matt, what the hell, get out."

The victim said Matthew left the bedroom and then came back in and told her to look at him. The victim said when she turned around, Matthew had his "wiener," and was holding it with one hand and rubbing the top of his penis with his other hand. The victim was asked if she had another name for "wiener" and she said "penis."

The victim said Matthew left her room and went to the couch to pretend he was sleeping. She said she went to her parent's bedroom, but the door was locked so she went back to her bedroom and locked her door. She said Matthew came back and knocked on her door, but she didn't answer it. The victim said she called her mother's cellphone, and her mom came to her room. She said her mom [redacted] took her back to their room and she told her parents what happened. She said her dad went out into the living room and woke Matthew up and told him to "get the F out of his house." The victim said Matthew acted like he was sleeping and said he didn't do anything and asked what happened but changed his story multiple times.

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Kira asked the victim more details about what happened when Matthew touched her. She said, "he didn't touch inside of me because I felt it, but it touched on the lip." Kira asked the victim what "lip" meant, and she said it was the lip of her vagina. The victim advised that when she was touched, it was on the inside of her underwear and said Matthew's hand touched her skin but did not penetrate her vagina. The victim said she didn't know what she was supposed to do because she was still in shock, but she ran to her mom to tell her immediately what happened.

The victim was asked when this incident happened and she said it occurred the previous Monday, which would have been 06/12/2023. Kira asked if anyone has had any contact with Matthew and she advised that her older brother spoke with him and asked why he did that to his sister and Matthew responded that he just woke up with their dad screaming at him and did not say anything happened.

The victim also stated one time she was watching TV in her mom's bedroom when pornography started playing. She said she originally thought it was her brother messing with her, but when she went out into the living room, Matthew was there with his cellphone watching pornography. She said the TV in her mom's bedroom, you are able to cast to it from your phone. She said she went and told Matthew that he needed to be more careful with it, and she called her brothers girlfriend to pick her up.

The victim said after this happened even when Matthew left, she felt really "paranoid" because she didn't know where he was and would check her closet to make sure Matthew wasn't in her room. The victim said Matthew has never touched her inappropriately before this incident.

After the interview with the victim, I made contact with [redacted] and she advised that there were multiple people staying at their house including her 3 sons, 2 younger nephews (5 and 7) who were sleeping in the room with the victim, and another nephew (18) who was sleeping on the couch with Matthew. She said she received a phone call at 0608 hours from the victim on her husband's phone since their door was locked. [redacted] advised that [redacted] said he observed Matthew coming into the bedroom that morning, but did not say anything further. She advised Matthew is currently back in Oklahoma with his parents. I conducted a search for Matthew and located a possible address of 800 E. 9th St., Grove, Oklahoma 74344.

On 07/19/2023 I met with [redacted] at his residence, 20226 Mount Prospect Ave. in Port Charlotte. I spoke with [redacted] privately and conducted a recorded interview. He advised he knew why I was there to speak with him. He stated when he was sleeping at his cousin's house, he and his younger brother were asleep in the bottom bunk bed with the victim, in her room. He said he did not recall what time but remembered waking up when their bedroom door opened and saw Matthew walk inside the room. [redacted] said it was dark, so he did not see anything that happened, but was told by the victim later that Matthew had "pulled something bad out" and said it was his "privates." [redacted] again advised that he did not observe Matthews private parts out because it was dark. [redacted] said after Matthew left the room, the victim called her

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mom. He said he did not remember if Matthew or the victim said anything when Matthew was in the room, but advised he was only in the room for a short time.

I made contact with Detective Morrow with the Grove Police Department in Grove, OK to attempt to assist with interviewing Matthew. Det. Morrow advised he attempted to speak with Matthew on three separate occasions, with negative results.

Based upon my investigation, I find there is probable cause to believe that the defendant, Matthew Ropp, did commit the crime of F.S.S 800.04(5)(b) Lewd and Lascivious Molestation and F.S.S 800.04(7)(b) Lewd and Lascivious Exhibition.

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