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Table with 4 columns: SSO Case #, SSO BK #, OBTS #, Arrest #; Agency Case #, SAO #, FDLE #, UTC#

ADULT ARREST: Non-Arrest Complaint

JUVENILE: N/A

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

Defendant: Adam Preston Branham J, Alias: AJ Branham, DOB: 08/22/2002, Age: 21, Sex: Male, Race: H, Hgt: 510, Wgt: , Hair: Brown, Eyes: Brown, Street: 5306 Maccaughey Dr, City: North Port, State: FL, Zip: 34287, Phone: (941) 310-4595, DL #: B655015023020, ST: FL, SS: [REDACTED], Place of Birth: Peoria, IL, Occupation: , Employer: , Employer Address: , Phone:

Table with 5 columns: Citizenship, Immigration Status, Residence Type, Residence Status, Under the Influence. Includes checkboxes for US, Permanent/Legal U.S., City, N/A, Full Year, Part Year, Non-Resident, Drugs, Alcohol.

CRIME EVENT

Date: 06/01/24, Time: 22:42, Loc. Type: 27. Park/Woodland/Field, Zone: , Grid: , Crime Location: 5651 North Port Blvd, North Port, FL 34287, F.S. / Ord #: 800.04(4)(a)(1), Charge: Lewd and Lascivious Battery Victim Age 12 To 16, F.S. / Ord #: 827.071(2), Charge: FS-Use Or Allow Child To Engage In Sex, Investigating Officer: Detective Eric W St Jean, I.D. #: 405, Drug Unit: 00. N/A, Drug Type: N. N/A, Drug Activity: N. N/A, Weapon Type: 99. Other, Weapon Finish: N/A, Caliber Type: , Weapon Seized: []

ARREST EVENT

Date: , Time: , Arrest LEO / ID#: Eric W St Jean / 405, Assist LEO / ID #: , Arrest Location: Capias Requested, 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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Defendant: Adam Preston Branham J

Case #: 24-038851

CO-DEFENDANT

Co-Def Name:

Home Phone:

Address:

Work/Cell Phone:

DOB:

Age:

Sex:

Race:

CO-DEFENDANT

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

PARENT / GUARDIAN

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

THIS JUVENILE DEFENDANT IS BEING RELEASED TO YOUR CUSTODY PENDING THE DISPOSITION OF THIS CASE. IF THIS JUVENILE DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS CHANGES YOU WILL NEED TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF A DATE AND TIME FOR THIS JUVENILE DEFENDANT TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT TO ANSWER TO THE ALLEGED OFFENSE(S).

JUVENILE SIGNATURE

PARENT / CUSTODIAN SIGNATURE

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Defendant: Adam Preston Branham J

Case #: 24-038851

NARRATIVE

On Saturday, June 1, 2024, at approximately 10:47 pm, North Port Police Officers were dispatched to the WAWA gas station (14560 Chancellor Blvd., Charlotte County, FL) in reference to an agency assist. Charlotte County Sheriff's Office reported that while deputies were investigating a disturbance, they learned of a past occurred sexual battery that was alleged to have occurred in the city of North Port.

North Port Police Officer Zwiefelhofer arrived on scene and spoke with the reporting party, Louis Minnear, who relayed the following to Officer Zwiefelhofer. Louis stated [redacted] who will herein be referred to as victim, told him that she was "raped" by a male when she was [redacted] years old. Louis said the victim explained to him that she only knew the male as "AJ" and that the incident had previously been unreported due to the unknown identity of the male.

Louis further explained that when he and the victim pulled into the WAWA, the victim recognized "AJ," who was later identified as Adam Branham, who will herein be referred to as defendant, walking out of the storefront. Louis advised that he verbally confronted the defendant about the allegations, which ultimately prompted police response.

Officer Zwiefelhofer conducted a fact-finding interview with the victim, who explained that the defendant forced her to engage in several sexual acts over the course of a year, starting when she was around [redacted] years old.

Officer Zwiefelhofer conducted an interview of the defendant, who explained that he knew the victim from the skate park but denied having any sexual contact with the victim.

On June 3, 2024, I, Detective Eric St. Jean, was assigned as the primary investigator in this case. A forensic interview was conducted with the victim on June 12, 2024, at the North Port Child Protection Center. The following is a synopsis of the one hour and thirty-six-minute forensic interview.

The victim relayed that she met the defendant at the North Port Skate Park (5651 North Port Blvd., North Port, FL) when she was [redacted] years old, approximately two months before spring break. The victim stated that the defendant requested her "Snapchat" and the two began conversing through the application later on that night. The victim said that the defendant messaged and asked her "hey, let's have sex." The victim relayed that the next time she was at the skatepark, the defendant told her, "Let's do it now," and he brought her to the wooded area next to the skatepark. The victim told me that while in the woods, the defendant told her to perform oral sex on him and "shoved" her mouth onto his erect penis. The victim described the interaction as the defendant forcefully "yanking" her head forward and backwards with his penis in her mouth.

The victim stated that the defendant then made her turn around and get down on the ground. The victim further explained that the defendant pulled down her pants and put his erect penis inside her vagina. The

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ID#: 405

SWORN TO (OR AFFIRMED) AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME IN PERSON OR ONLINE THIS 26 DAY OF July, 2024

BY: Eric W St Jean (NAME OF AFFIANT) WHO IS PERSONALLY KNOWN OR

WHO HAS PRODUCED IDENTIFICATION:

WITNESS SIGNATURE:

[Handwritten signature]

PRINTED:

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SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE:

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NARRATIVE CONTINUED

victim stated that approximately three minutes later, the defendant inserted his penis inside her anus, where he ultimately ejaculated.

The victim explained that on another occasion, around the same general time, she was video chatting the defendant while she was at home in her bedroom. The victim said the defendant saw a glass bottles and stated, "You should put that glass bottle up your butt for me." The victim explained that the defendant further stated, "Prop your phone up, take a video for me. Put it underneath your butt and slide down on it and pretend that it is my dick." The victim said that she did so and sent him videos per his instructions. The victim said that this occurred on several occasions for about a week.

The victim said that the defendant continued to perform similar sexual acts on her over the course of a year time span. The victim explained that the defendant was aware of her age, as she remembered telling him through conversation before any of the aforementioned sexual acts occurred. The victim said that the defendant was seventeen years old at the time of the incidents. The victim did say that there were times that she and the defendant engaged in consensual sex.

On June 13, 2024, Detective Zahin Robles and your affiant responded to the defendant's residence to conduct an interview. The interview was conducted with the defendant in the front doorway to the residence. The following is a synopsis of the recorded interview with the defendant.

The defendant admitted to knowing the victim from the skatepark and ultimately admitted to engaging in sexual intercourse with the victim. The defendant admitted that he was aware the victim was [REDACTED] at the time he and the victim had sexual intercourse. The defendant further explained that he continued to engage in sexual intercourse with the victim despite being aware of what the age of consent in Florida was at that time. The defendant claimed that he and the victim were in a relationship at the time, which he explained as "friends with benefits."

Based on the aforementioned information, probable cause exists to find the defendant in violation of FSS 800.04(4)(a)(1) Lewd Lascivious battery victim between [REDACTED] and FSS 827.071(2) knowingly using a minor in the production of child pornography.

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WITNESS SIGNATURE: [Signature] #219 PRINTED: JARRED FEGAN

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