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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2025ML026887
Court Case No.:

vs.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

SCHMITZ, BENNET P
1100 GRAND AVENUE #103A
SCHOFIELD, WI 54476
DOB: 01/11/2002

Defendant(s).

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THE BELOW NAMED COMPLAINANT BEING DULY SWORN, ON INFORMATION AND BELIEF STATES THAT:

Count 1: CHILD ENTICEMENT

The above-named defendant on or about April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024, at 7855 S. Scepter Drive WI, in the City of Franklin, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, with intent to have sexual contact with the child in violation of Section 948.095, Wis. Stats., did attempt to cause a child, EKB, DOB [REDACTED], who had not attained the age of 18 years to go into a secluded place, contrary to sec. 948.07(1), 939.50(3)(d) Wis. Stats.

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

Count 2: SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A STUDENT BY SCHOOL STAFF

The above-named defendant on or about April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024, at 7855 S. Scepter Drive WI, in the City of Franklin, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did have sexual contact with EKB, DOB [REDACTED], a child who had attained the age of 16 years and was not the defendant's spouse, said child being enrolled in a school, and said defendant being a member of that school district staff, contrary to sec. 948.095(2), 939.50(3)(h) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class H Felony, the defendant may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than six (6) years, or both.

Count 3: CHILD ENTICEMENT

The above-named defendant on or about Friday, July 19, 2024, at 6868 S. Ballpark Drive, in the City of Franklin, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, with intent to cause a child to expose genitals, pubic area or intimate parts to him, did attempt to cause a child under the age of 18, EKB, DOB [REDACTED], to go into a room, contrary to sec. 948.07(3), 939.50(3)(d) Wis. Stats.

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

Probable Cause:

On October 9, 2025, School Resource Officer Austin Sustachek was advised that a student at Greenfield High School, EKB (DOB [REDACTED]) disclosed she was sexually assaulted by former

Greenfield High School (GHS) track and field coach, Bennet Schmitz, hereinafter referred to as the defendant.

EKB stated that the defendant started regularly calling and texting her during the spring track season (March through June) of 2023, and later became her supervisor when she started working at Milwaukee Yard. EKB stated that she tried to cease talking to the defendant, but he threatened to commit suicide. EKB advised that their communications and contact progressed to becoming more sexual in nature starting in March 2024. EKB stated she felt pressured to continue communicating with the defendant due to him being both her coach at school and her boss at her workplace, and his repeated threats to kill himself if she stopped talking to him.

EKB stated that on numerous occasions at the defendant's apartment (located at 7855 S. Scepter Drive, City of Franklin, County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin) or at hotels in Milwaukee and Waukesha counties he rented for them starting in March 2024, the defendant inserted his fingers into her vagina and would have EKB rub his penis. The defendant also convinced EKB to send him nude photos over Snapchat and he would respond by sending her pictures of his penis or videos of him masturbating. EKB stated the photos and videos were no longer on her phone but she still had their text messages, and allowed law enforcement to conduct a forensic download and analysis of her phone.

Detective Riddle reviewed text messages on EKB's phone between EKB and the contact EKB identified as the defendant. Detective Riddle confirmed that the phone number EKB identified as belonging to the defendant was the same number Greenfield School District records had on file. Detective Riddle reports that text message between EKB and the defendant spanned from March 2023 through October 2024. Those messages illustrate the defendant's escalating obsession with EKB:

Starting in June 2023, the defendant sent EKB numerous text messages stating how much he loved her, feared losing her, and feared she did not "need" him the way that he needed her. The messages became much more sexual in nature starting in March 2024. EKB stated that it was in March 2024 when the defendant called her and told her he was in love with her. EKB told the defendant the feeling was not mutual and she wanted to establish boundaries, such as not spending time together outside of work or track practice. That phone conversation was reiterated via text message, and the defendant appeared to understand EKB's desire to just be friends. However, just two days later, the defendant started insisting they meet up.

In April 2024, the defendant texted EKB asking if she likes when he touches her. EKB responded "I mean like not really but kind of" but that "it's weird."

EKB stated it was around this time (April 2024) that she went to the defendant's apartment for the first time and sexual contact started. EKB stated that the defendant had sexual contact with her every time she went over to his apartment, which by Detective Riddle's review of text messages, was on at least 20 separate occasions starting in April 2024, including having EKB sleep at his apartment on four occasions.

Text messages in May 2024 reflect that on a night the defendant was concerned about EKB, he drove to her house, saw she was not home, and waited outside her house until he saw her arrive home.

After the defendant moved to Schofield during the summer of 2024, EKB again told the defendant they should not see each other. The defendant repeatedly threatened to kill himself, tries to get EKB to travel to Wausau to visit him, and offers to drive down to Milwaukee, pick EKB up, and drive her back to Wausau with him.

EKB identified one hotel in New Berlin as well as one in Franklin (Main Stay Suites, 6868 S. Ballpark Drive, City of Franklin, County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin) hotel locations the defendant took her to for sexual contact. Detective Riddle responded to Main Stay Suites and confirmed that the defendant rented a room at that location from July 19 – July 20, 2024.

Detective Riddle conducted a Mirandized interview of the defendant on October 20, 2025. During that interview, the defendant confirmed he initially started coaching the GHS football in the fall of 2022, and then moved to coaching the GHS track and field team during the spring of 2023 and 2024. The defendant stated EKB came to his apartment during the track season approximately once a week and initially stated he and EKB only kissed, but then admitted to sending videos of himself masturbating to EKB, to having EKB rub his penis, and inserting his fingers into her vagina. The defendant was shown a text message from June 8, 2024, where he said to EKB “Sowwy I get it sticky” to which EKB responded “it’s ok.” The defendant admitted he was referring to ejaculating on EKB.

****End of Complaint****

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State Bar #: 1117661

Electronically Signed By:
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Complainant