



Arrest Report

ALACHUA COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE
2621 SE HAWTHORNE RD

Report Date / Time 6/19/2024 02:34 PM	Report Number ASOCHG00014396S	Case Number/Cad Number ASO24OFF005430 / 061924-0401	Reporting Officer Name ADKINS, MICHAEL
Originating Agency ORI FL0010000	Occur Date Time Range 06/19/2024 11:00:16 - 06/19/2024 14:30:00	Jurisdiction ASO	
OBTS Number 0108065892	Other Number 24-003195	Clearance CFASO 24JBN003195	

Location of Occurrence

County ALACHUA	Location Type RESIDENCE	Location Description			
Street Number [REDACTED]	Street SW [REDACTED] ST	Apt/Lot/Bldg	City ARCHER	State FL	Zip Code 32618

Suspect

First Name JOEL	Middle Name BRUCE	Last Name SEARBY	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex MALE	Height 6'05"	Weight 200	Hair BRO	Eyes BLU
MNI # ASO11MNI001338	SSN [REDACTED]	Date of Birth 11/28/1980	Age 43	ID Type E	Drivers License or other ID S610422804280	State FL	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth:	IL UNITED STATES								
Address * RESIDENCE / [REDACTED] ARCHER, FL 32618 / (352)359-0165									

Arrest Report Data

Question Domestic Violence	Answer No
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Arrest

Arrest Date/Time 6/20/2024 10:46:25 AM	Arrest Location Type RESIDENCE	Arrest Location Description				
Street Number [REDACTED]	Street [REDACTED]	Apt/Lot/Bldg	County ALACHUA	City ARCHER	State FL	Zip Code 32618

Charge :

Counts 1	Charge 800.04.6b	Bond Amount \$0.00	No Bond
Charge Degree S	Charge Level FELONY		
General Offense Code COMMITTED	Arrest Offense Code LEWD LASCV BEHAVIOR		
Charge Description CONDUCT BY PERSON 18YOA OR OLDER			
Administrative Code - Description -			

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Charge :

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Charge Degree S		Charge Level FELONY	
General Offense Code COMMITTED		Arrest Offense Code OBSCENE COMMUNICATION	
Charge Description USE COMP SEDUCE SOLICIT LURE CHILD MISREP AGE			
Administrative Code - Description -			

Charge :

Counts 1	Charge 847.0135.4a	Bond Amount \$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> No Bond
Charge Degree S		Charge Level FELONY	
General Offense Code COMMITTED		Arrest Offense Code OBSCENE COMMUNICATION	
Charge Description TRAVEL TO MEET AFTER USE COMPUT TO LURE CHILD			
Administrative Code - Description -			

Charge :

Counts 1	Charge 934.215	Bond Amount \$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> No Bond
Charge Degree T		Charge Level FELONY	
General Offense Code COMMITTED		Arrest Offense Code PUBLIC ORDER CRIMES	
Charge Description USE 2 WAY COMM DEVICE TO FACIL FELONY			
Administrative Code - Description -			

Probable Cause

I was assigned this case on 6/19/24 for further investigation. At the time I was working as a Detective assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division – Special Victim’s Unit of the Alachua County Sheriff’s Office.

On 6/19/24 the ACSO received a call for service. The investigation revealed that the juvenile victim (15 years old) received multiple messages on Snap Chat from the defendant (43 years old). The messages were sexual in nature and the defendant

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solicited the victim for sexual acts and photos of the victim.

On 6/19/24 around 1100 hours, the victim received a Snap Chat friend request showing that it was from Joel Searby. The username on the Snap Chat account shows the name "Parker Smith" and the user name is "p_smith245151." However, the victim had the defendant's phone number saved under his contacts on this phone. Snap Chat uses data on the phone to connect contacts with Snap Chat accounts, the defendant's phone number being associated with the "Parker Smith" account would cause it to show under his real name on the victim's phone. Furthermore, showing that the defendant is in fact Joel Searby, during the message exchange, he references that he is the victim's neighbor. He also sends several photos of his body and his lower face (nose down). These photos are consistent with the defendant's body type and the lower half of his face.

Later in the night on 6/19/24, the defendant sent the victim a photo showing his full face. The father of the victim was able to positively identify the defendant at that time. YA was able to view this photo on 6/20/24, the photo is clearly a photo of the defendant.

The following is a message exchange between the victim and defendant from the morning of 6/19/24:

Joel: "Ohhh. Have you thought about it? Like would you?"

[REDACTED]

Joel: "Ok that's fine. I'd love to see a pic of you Want one of me? Or wanna know anything else?"

Joel: "...You ever have like a secret crush on an older guy? (wide eye emoji & see no evil emoji) Ohhhh I just looked at your profile pic you have posted. Omg bro...you're so hot (hot sweating emoji)

[REDACTED]

Joel: "So have you ever had a secret crush on an older guy? I did when I was in high school"

Joel: "...Want me to tell you about it???"

[REDACTED]

Joel: "He was in his 40's. I was like 14-15. I thought he was hot but was like "how would I ever tell him" lol. I would do little odd jobs for him and stuff and that's how we talked more... I was nervous but I really wanted to mess around with him. And I was pretty sure he though I was hot. But he had a family and stuff. Eventually we got a chance to be alone and he made a move on me to kiss me and I liked it. Then we did more stuff in secret whenever we could. He kinda like taught me stuff. It was fun. And when I moved away we never talked again. Don't regret it lol What you think?"

[REDACTED]

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Joel: "Thanks Would you ever do something like that?"

[REDACTED]

Joel: "That's cool that you'd consider it. I think you'd like it... ..Do you have any neighbors like that?"

[REDACTED]

Joel: "Never done like odd jobs for one or anything? ...Do you wanna hear what stuff we did? Or is that too much?"

[REDACTED]

Joel: "So the first time like I said he leaned in to kiss me and I liked it so we made out and like felt each other and he pulled my cock out and jerked me off. I loved it. I came all over. Then next time we made out again but I really wanted his cock and I told him. So we both jerked each other off. Then next time I asked if I could suck his and if he'd teach me how. So we did. I loved that too lol. Then he sucked me. It was so amazing. So then we'd basically secretly message whenever we could meet up and we did that for a few years and it was fun. Sorry that was a lot. What do you think about it all? Wow like that's really hot or wow like that's too much info? Lol"

[REDACTED]

Joel: "Ok good. I was worried lol. Would you ever do that stuff? Like if a neighbor like that was interested in you?"

[REDACTED]

Joel: "Would you want the neighbor to initiate it? Like what would you do if he did."

[REDACTED]

Joel: "You mean you'd do it if he initiated? Like you'd try it?"

[REDACTED]

Joel: "I remember my neighbor was really nervous I'd tell. I never would. Never have until now lol. Would you keep it a secret too?"

[REDACTED]

Joel: "...Send me a pic?"

[REDACTED]

Joel: "You. Like your body maybe?"

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Joel: "Like take your shirt off and take one in the mirror."

Joel: *sends a shirtless photo of himself in the mirror. Left hand holding the cell phone and the right hand inside of his pants where his penis is located.*

Joel sends two photos like this with some back and forth in between the photos.

Joel: "So if I was your neighbor irl now that you've seen me, and I asked you to come help me and did what I said happened with my neighbor, you'd want to do it? Its cool if you don't want to send any pics. Also, don't have to take your shirt off. Even just a silly one would be fun. Ill think about showing face once we build some more trust. Sending me a pic of you helps me know I can trust you. But no pressure"

[REDACTED]

Joel: What would YOU wanna do the first time?"

[REDACTED]

Joel: "Like what seems hot to you and you'd want to try? Or would you want me to just try stuff and you could say yes or no? Like I could walk you through it... That's how it was for me with the guy when I was younger. I knew I wanted it and I just wanted him to lead and do whatever he wanted honestly. And I loved it. I mean I was nervous but it was so hot... So what you think about my question about how you'd want it to go? Sorry that was a lot. I can back off if you want."

[REDACTED]

Joel: "I'm super secret. I have to know you will keep it between us. It's a huge deal."

[REDACTED]

Joel: "But I also wanna know you'd actually it if I was your neighbor and I asked if you wanted to come over tomorrow and help me with something. Like what you doing at 10 tomorrow morning? If it was real..."

[REDACTED]

Joel: "But are you free between 10-12?"

Joel: *Joel then sends a photo of the lower part of his face.*

Joel: "So can you really keep a secret? And are you really serious that if I was your neighbor you'd come over tomorrow morning? If so, send me at least some sort of snap pic of you... Please. To help me trust you more."

[REDACTED]

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Joel: "Ok. But remember too that snap pics disappear so it's not a huge deal. No pressure tho. Lets keep chatting. I want to show face at the right time. And if you're really free tomorrow morning that might be the time I'll be ready to show... Here's another one just to show I'm willing to send..."

Joel: *Joel sends a photo from an upward angle, straight down, showing a bulge in the front of the tight boxer/briefs he is wearing*

[REDACTED]

Joel: "I need to know for sure. But you can confirm in the morning. And if you can, and if you're willing. I'll show face..."

Joel: "...Hopefully tomorrow is gonna be a great day. (Sweating hot emoji)"

[REDACTED]

Joel: "Well, if I'm really your neighbor I could ask if you can walk over and help me with something. Then you can walk over."

[REDACTED]

Joel: "I might be. Not ready to say for sure and send face. But if I am, it'll be really simple tomorrow. Does that make you nervous that I might be? Or excited?"

[REDACTED]

Joel: "Ok good. Cause I'll have to trust you. I'll tell you later tonight or in the morning when I know you can be free between 10-12..."

Joel: *sends The victim two more shirtless photos. One with the lower half of his face and his tongue sticking out. The other is another mirror photo with his hand down the front of his pants. He also sent a photo clothed, sitting in a vehicle, biting his own lip.

Joel: How about a pic of your upper body with shirt on? No face if you don't want

Joel: Lmk when you know if you'd be free tomorrow morning between 10-12 for at least like half and hour or so. Maybe a little longer.

[REDACTED]

Joel: That you would come over and we'd do some of what I described before.. Do you want to?

[REDACTED]

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Joel: Ok bet. I want you to. But here's the deal, before I show face and we agree to it, I have to KNOW that you will keep it our secret. Forever. Just like I did with the guy I had when I was in high school. We had fun from my freshman year on, secretly, whenever we could. No one ever knew. But as could both get in trouble if anyone finds out. Especially me. And NO ONE knows.

The defendant sent two more photos. One photo showed the defendant in the shower. His left hand appears to be holding the phone for the photo and his right hand is down towards his penis. The photo shows the defendant's body from his waist line up to his nose and he has his tongue sticking out. The shower head is in the background and shows water coming from it. With this photo the defendant also sent the message: "Shower and shave time (winky face emoji) lmk when you're up and we'll make our plan."

The defendant sent another photo where he is wearing only a red pair of boxers with a Nike logo and the word "Nike" printed across the top.

The defendant continued to send messages to the victim and suggested a plan for the victim to sneak out and go to the defendant's guest house. He even told to the victim that if he brought the "side by side" over, to park it behind the shed. The defendant told the victim that he could send a text asking him to come over to move limbs or another job around the house so that he could have an excuse with his parents to come over.

Throughout the conversations the defendant references being neighbors with the victim. The defendant is in fact the victim's neighbor.

On 6/20/24, law enforcement took over the conversation from the victim's Snap Chat account. The defendant sent a message to the victim prior saying that he could send a text message asking the victim if he could come help do yardwork. The intent on this message would be to give the victim an excuse with his parents to come over. I sent a message from the victim's account asking if he could send the message. The defendant acknowledged that he just sent the message. The victim's phone then received a text message from phone number 352-359-0165 (the defendant's number). The message read: "Hey bud hope all is well! Are you able to come help me this morning by chance/ Have some things to move and a couple big limbs and need a hand. Let me know. Thanks! Would probably take an hour or a little more."

This confirmed further that the defendant was the one sending the Snap Chat messages to the victim.

It should also be noted that the defendant stated multiple times that he would be free between 1000-1200 hours. At one point he stated that no one would be at his house from 0945-1500 hours. The defendant and his wife own a business and the business hours on 6/20/24 were 1000-1500 hours.

On 6/20/24 at 0945 the defendant sent the victim's Snap Chat account a message that said, "Heyyy. So I'll be ready early if you can come over in like 15-20min..."

A few minutes later he sent, "Actually I'm ready now. So come anytime. Just lmk when you're on the way and I'll meet you

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on the side of the house.”

From the victim’s account I sent a message saying, “When you mentioned yesterday about jerking off. Is that all we would be doing?”

The defendant responded, “I mean I would like to do more but we can take it one step at a time and if I start doing anything you don’t want to do we can stop. I’ll walk you through it.”

A search warrant for the defendant’s residence was granted by the Honorable Judge Davis. As myself and other Detectives arrived at the defendant’s residence of [REDACTED] street, the defendant was taken into custody.

I read the defendant his Miranda Warning from an agency issued card. Post Miranda he stated he understood his rights. I asked him if he knew why we were there and he stated that he did not want to talk about that. I then read the defendant the search warrant. After reading the search warrant I asked him who the victim was to him (I mentioned the name of the victim). The defendant responded saying that he would rather remain silent. He then asked if his wife would be told about this.

I advised the defendant was transported to the Alachua County Jail without further incident.

The defendant is being charged with lewd or lascivious conduct (FSS800.04.6a2), use of a computer to solicit a minor (FSS 847.0135.31), enticing a minor to travel (FSS 847.0135.41) and unlawful use of a two-way communication device (FSS 934.215).

Jail Booking Facility

Booking Date/Time 6/20/2024 11:46 PM	Booking County ALACHUA	Booking Facility ALACHUA COUNTY JAIL	Booking Facility Phone (352) 491-4460
Booking Facility Location 3333 NE 39TH AVE GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA 32609			Booking Number
Booking Comments			

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Person: VICTIM

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Race	Sex	Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		WHITE	MALE	5'10"	0	BLO	GRN
MNI #	SSN	Date of Birth	Age	ID Type	Drivers License or other ID	State	OCA / Agency ID		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	15	E	[REDACTED]	FL			
Place of Birth:	FL UNITED STATES								
Address									
* RESIDENCE / [REDACTED]									

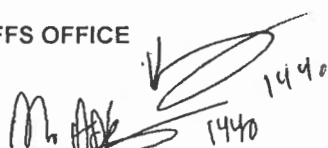
Person: OTHER

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	Race	Sex	Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		WHITE	MALE	600	200	BRO	BRO
MNI #	SSN	Date of Birth	Age	ID Type	Drivers License or other ID	State	OCA / Agency ID		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	46	E	[REDACTED]	FL			
Place of Birth:	SD UNITED STATES								
Address									
* RESIDENCE / [REDACTED]									

Officer Name Rank / ID #	Involvement On Report / Reporting Role	Officer Agency Org/Unit
ADKINS, MICHAEL DEPUTY 1440	REPORTING OFFICER	ALACHUA COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE DETECTIVES\SPECVICSGT\ASSIGNED

The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that the above named Defendant, committed violation(s), of law, on the below date(s) and time(s), as listed in the probable cause associated with this report:

Reporting Officer

Officer Name ADKINS, MICHAEL	Office Rank DEPUTY	Officer ID No 1440	Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority This the <u>20th</u> day of <u>June</u> , <u>2024</u> DEPUTY OF THE COURT, NOTARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT
Officer Agency ALACHUA COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE			 # 735
Officer Signature			

No Bill / Petition
 Issue Warrant
 Prosecution Approved

Signature of Assistant State Attorney _____ Date _____