

**PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM**

Date: 05-19-2011

I, Det. Maggie McGuire #4664

[Name and identify law enforcement officer, or person having information as probable cause.]

knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true.

1. I have probable cause to believe that on 12-17-2010, at 3814 N. Forest Ave, Clay County, Kansas City Mo 64116,  
Date Place

Ratigan, Shawn F

Name of Offender(s)

W/M 10-17-65, [REDACTED]

Description of Identity

committed one or more criminal offense(s).

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows: *(Insert facts, including time, if known)*

On May 13, 2011 the Kansas City Missouri Police Department was notified that on December 16, 2010 a priest at a local church had been having problems with his personal laptop computer. The computer was taken to a computer repair person who located multiple images of girls under the age of 12 years old with the focus of the picture being on their vaginal area. Many of the images appeared to be up-skirt pictures covertly taken with the focus of the picture being on the vaginal area while clothed. A nude photo focused on the genitals of a minor female was located in a folder containing a girl's name. The computer repair person returned the computer to the church making them aware of the images he located. The church officials seized the computer and turned it over to the church diocese IT person for review.

On December 17, 2010 the priest who was identified as Shawn F. Ratigan, W/M, 10/17/1965, failed to show up for 0830 mass and church officials responded to his residence to check his welfare. Church officials and EMS found Ratigan unconscious in his closed garage with his motorcycle running. A suicide note was found inside the residence stating he was sorry for any harm he had caused the church, that he was sorry to the kids and his family. Ratigan was hospitalized for psychiatric care. The church diocese made a copy of the images found on the laptop and released the laptop to Ratigan's family who in turn destroyed the computer.

A disk containing the images in question was turned over to detectives on May 13, 2011. After a review of the images contained on the disc detectives discovered that many of the images appeared to have been taken by various digital cameras and a cell phone. Detectives also discovered that many of the images were taken in and around the churches and schools Ratigan has been associated with. A church in the Saint Joseph, Missouri area that Ratigan previously worked at provided a desktop computer to detectives on 05-16-2011. Church officials identified that Ratigan had previously used the desktop as his personal computer while assigned to the church. Upon reviewing the computer many of the same type of images found on Ratigan's laptop computer were on the church computer.

Several of the minor females have been identified and are in the process of being interviewed.

On 05-18-2011 Ratigan's family members provided detectives with the following items: A Black Canon Camera, Model #DS126151, SN#1721103963. A green bag containing 55 optical disc, paperwork, 3 Rolls

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of film, and a Rocketfish 2.5 USB 2.0 Hard-drive, Model #RF-HD25. A black and red backpack containing 6 optical disc and one VHS tape. A cardboard box containing paperwork, books, and photos. The family advised that the above property was recovered from Ratigan's apartment at [REDACTED] Clay County, Kansas City Missouri in January of 2011 after the suicide attempt. The property was stored at a family home until 05-18-2011 when it was release to KCPD detectives.

On May 18, 2011 detectives responded to the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Eucharist, 2100 N. Noland Road, Independence, Jackson County, Missouri and made contact with Ratigan. Ratigan was taken into custody. Detectives transported Ratigan to the Kansas City Missouri Police Headquarters and placed him in an interview room. Ratigan was advised of his Miranda rights and requested to consult an attorney prior to any questioning. Ratigan was taken to the Detention Unit where he is being held on an investigative hold.

On May 19, 2011 detectives obtained a search warrant for the items retrieved from the family members on 05-18-2011. Detectives located a CD inside of a Walgreens One Hour photo envelope with a receipt attached to the envelope containing the name "Ratigan, S. [REDACTED] with at date of 04-30-2004." The CD was labeled "XPO". A review of the CD revealed approximately 14 different images of child pornography of a 3-4 year old female identified as "SN". Detective reviewed the Rocketfish Hard-drive and discovered 4 images of child pornography. Additional digital media is being reviewed for more evidence of the crime of possession/production of child pornography.