

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF UNION
IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT

NO.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
Plaintiff

v.

WAYNE BENT aka: MICHAEL TRAVESSER
DOB: 5/18/1941
SSN: [Redacted by FindLaw]
ADD: [Redacted by FindLaw], Des Moines, NM 88418-7060
[Redacted by FindLaw], Des Moines, NM 88418-9603
NM State Road 370 mm 40
Defendant

AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT

The undersigned, being duly sworn, on his oath, states that he has reason to believe that on or about July 31, 2006 thru April 13, 2007, in the County of Union, State of New Mexico, the above-named defendant(s) did commit the crime (s) of:

COUNT 1: CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONTACT OF A MINOR

That on or about the 31st day of July, 2006 in Union County, New Mexico, the above-named Defendant did unlawfully and intentionally touch or apply force to the intimate parts of L.S., and L.S. was a child thirteen (13) to eighteen (18) years of age, and the Defendant was in a position of authority over L.S. and Defendant used his position of authority to coerce L.S., to submit, contrary to NMSA 1978 §30-9-13(A)(B)(2)(a), (a second degree felony).

COUNT 2: CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONTACT OF A MINOR

That on or about the 2nd day of August, 2006 in Union County, New Mexico, the above-named Defendant did unlawfully and intentionally touch or apply force to the intimate parts of A.S., and A.S. was a child thirteen (13) to eighteen (18) years of age, and the Defendant was in a position of authority over A.S. and Defendant used his position of authority to coerce A.S., to submit, contrary to NMSA 1978 §30-9-13(A)(B)(2)(a), (a second degree felony).

COUNT 3: CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONTACT OF A MINOR

That on or between the 13th day of April, 2007 and 31st day of May, 2007, in Union County, New Mexico, the above-named Defendant did unlawfully and intentionally touch or apply force to the intimate parts of J.T., and J.T. was a child under thirteen (13) years of age, contrary to NMSA 1978 §30-9-13(A)(B)(1), (a second degree felony).

COUNT 4: CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR

That on or about the 31st day of July, 2006, in Union County, New Mexico the above-named Defendant did commit an act or did omit the performance of a duty, which act or omission caused or tended to cause or encourage the delinquency of L.S., who was under the age of eighteen (18) years, contrary to NMSA 1978 §30-6-3, (a fourth degree felony).

COUNT 5: CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR

That on or about the 2nd day of August, 2006, in Union County, New Mexico the above-named Defendant did commit an act or did omit the performance of a duty, which act or omission caused or tended to cause or encourage the delinquency of A.S., who was under the age of eighteen (18) years, contrary to NMSA 1978 §30-6-3, (a fourth degree felony).

COUNT 6: CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR

That on or between the 13th day of April, 2007 and 31st day of May, 2007, in Union County, New Mexico the above-named Defendant did commit an act or did omit the performance of a duty, which act or omission caused or tended to cause or encourage the delinquency of J.T., who was under the age of eighteen (18) years, contrary to NMSA 1978 §30-6-3, (a fourth degree felony).

(state common name of offense or offenses) contrary to law of the State of New Mexico.

The undersigned further states the following facts on oath to establish probable cause to believe that the above-named defendant(s) committed the crime charged:
(include facts in support of the credibility of any hearsay relied upon)

Affiant, Matthew Martinez, is a full time salaried Criminal Agent in good standing with the New Mexico State Police. Affiant has been so employed for the past nine years, and has been assigned to the Criminal Investigations Section for the past five years. In addition, Affiant is a certified Peace Officer by the laws, rules and regulations of the New Mexico Department of Public Safety. During Affiant's years of employment in law enforcement, he has received hundreds of hours of training in aspects of investigation of criminal activity, and on many occasions has investigated many types of crimes against persons and crimes against property, including crimes against children and domestic violence.

On Wednesday, April 23, 2008, Affiant was on-duty when notified by New Mexico State Police Investigations Bureau Sergeant Chris Valdez in reference to allegations of Criminal Sexual Contact of a Minor. Sergeant Valdez assigned me to attend the Safe Room Interviews at the Safe Room in Taos, New Mexico.

Upon arrival at the Safe Room, I met with Safe Room Coordinator Julie Kay Vigil, who told me two children had been brought in for Safe Room Interviews from the Strong City Compound near Clayton, New Mexico by New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Division. Ms. Vigil advised that both children had identified the same suspect to be

Wayne Bent, who refers to himself as the Son of God. These incidents took place on the property belonging to Wayne Bent in Union County, State of New Mexico.

Ms. Vigil told me A. S. 17 years of age and L.S. 16 years of age were being interviewed in reference to allegations of Criminal Sexual Contact of a Minor. Ms. Vigil told me Kat Duff would be conducting the Safe Room interviews.

Synopsis of interview with A. S.:

A.S. said she lay naked with Wayne Bent, AKA Michael Travesser. A.S. said Mr. Bent kissed her lips like a husband and wife do. Mr. Bent also touched and kissed her breasts. A.S. said this incident occurred on or about August 2, 2006 at the Strong City Compound in Union County, State of New Mexico.

Refer to video/audio taped interview for further details.

End synopsis of interview with A.S.

Synopsis of interview with L.S.:

L.S. said she lay naked with Wayne Bent and they had lain skin to skin. L.S. said Mr. Bent had kissed her lips and they lay chest to chest. L.S. said this incident occurred on or about July 31, 2006 at the Strong City Compound in Union County, State of New Mexico.

Refer to video/audio taped interview for further details.

End synopsis of interview with L.S.

On Friday, April 25, 2008 two other children were brought to Taos, New Mexico by New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Division in reference to having Safe Room Interviews conducted. J.T. 13 years of age and D.D. 16 years of age. These interviews were conducted by Teresa Candelaria.

Synopsis of interview with D.D.:

D.D. said ten people had received letters from Wayne Bent, all of the "chosen" were virgins. Seven of the ten were chosen and D.D. said that Mr. Bent had lay naked with the seven virgins, but did not actually witness the event(s). D.D. said he had talked with different people who told him these events had occurred, including some of the "chosen". D.D. said he was not one of the chosen seven. D.D. said people on the compound are considered to be married when they sleep together. D.D. said these incidents occurred at the Strong City Compound in Union County, State of New Mexico.

Refer to video/audio taped interview for further details.

End synopsis of interview with D.D.

Synopsis of interview with J.T.:

J.T. said she had lay naked with Wayne Bent and they had lay chest to chest. J.T. said she was the only one naked. J.T. said this incident occurred on or about April 13, 2007 at the Strong City Compound in Union County, State of New Mexico. J.T. would have been 12 years of age at the time.

Refer to video/audio taped interview for further details.

End synopsis of interview with J.T.

THEREFORE, AFFIANT PRAYS THIS HONORABLE COURT for the issuance of an Arrest Warrant, authorizing the arrest of the said suspect.

Matthew Martinez
(print / type) Affiant's Name

Signature of Affiant

Agent NMSP 2516
Official Title (if any)

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the above-named county of Union, of the State of New Mexico this ____ day of _____, 2008.

Judge, Magistrate, Notary or Other Officer
Authorized to Administer Oaths