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Paulding County Man Convicted for Child Molestation in North Dakota

(Paulding County, GA) In June of 2017 Detective Sergeant Lenny Carr, of the Paulding County Sheriff's Office Crimes Against Children Unit, met with a complainant who presented what appeared to be a diary created by suspect Timothy James Sprenger (W/M, 32 YOA). Sprenger, who formerly lived in North Dakota, was a resident of Paulding County, Georgia at the time of the discovery of the diary. After examination of the diary, which had been torn into pieces and taped back together, it appeared that Sprenger had documented multiple incidents of child molestation against children age 6 months to approximately 2 years old. After further examination of the document, it appeared that these incidents occurred several years ago in North Dakota. Sergeant Carr was able to identify one of the victims (now age 12) and locate the mother in North Dakota. After verifying that the timeline of the incidents matched up, authorities with the Minot Police Department (North Dakota) were notified. Detective Krista Cousins identified and located the other victim (now also 12 years old) and the parent who also lives in North Dakota.

Sergeant Carr then interviewed Timothy Sprenger and obtained a full confession of the incidents and additional acts not listed in the documents. As a result of the interview, Detectives did not obtain any information regarding any incidents possibly occurring in Paulding County or the State of Georgia.

On September 22, 2017 the State of the North Dakota issued criminal warrants including full extradition for one count of Gross Sexual Imposition and one count of Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child. Sprenger was arrested by the Paulding County Sheriff's Office Warrants Division on the same date. He waived any extradition proceedings and on October 5, 2017 was transported back to North Dakota. Sprenger was arraigned and subsequently held on a \$1,000,000 bond in the Ward County Jail (North Dakota) until his trial.



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On November 7, 2018, Timothy James Sprenger, pled guilty to 2 Class A felonies in Ward County, North Dakota. Sprenger was sentenced to 20 years in prison for sexually molesting a girl more than 30 times when she was between the ages of 1 and 3. He was given a second 20-year sentence, all suspended, which is consecutive to the first sentence, for sexually molesting a second girl when she was a six or seven month old baby. The second 20-year sentence will be suspended for 10 years while Sprenger is on supervised probation. Sprenger must complete sex offender treatment, register as a sex offender, and have no contact with the victims as a condition of his probation; this action was ordered by North Central District Court Judge Todd Cresap.

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