

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The following affidavit is submitted to the Court to document the probable cause in support of the arrest of **SUZANNE M. WARMINGTON, DOB: 10/17/77, [REDACTED] WHITE FEMALE, HEIGHT 5'4", WEIGHT 202 LBS, REDDISH BLONDE HAIR AND BLUE EYES.**

This offense is fully documented in Colorado Springs Police Department Offense Report **12-17147** detailing the offense(s) of: **MENACING/18-3-206, A CLASS FIVE FELONY (F5), CHILD ABUSE/18-6-401, A CLASS TWO MISDEMEANOR (M2), AND RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT/18-3-208, A CLASS THREE MISDEMEANOR (M3).**

With the victim(s) identified as:

1. **STABEL, ASHLEY, DOB: 09/08/05; Age (6) Race: White; Gender: Female**

Your Affiant is **Detective D. Ramirez/ 2767D**, a sworn police officer for the City of Colorado Springs, located in the County of El Paso, State of Colorado. Your Affiant has been a Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) officer for approximately eight years and is currently assigned to the Crimes Against Children Unit. Your Affiant's responsibilities include investigating felony child sexual assaults, felony child abuse and cases involving the death of a child.

The facts contained within this Affidavit are documented in official CSPD case report #12-17147, entitled 18-3-206/Menacing. Unless otherwise noted, all addresses listed within this Affidavit are located within the City of Colorado Springs, County of El Paso, State of Colorado.

On 05/21/12 at approximately 1047 hours, Officer J. Waters/1516 was dispatched to 3819 North Academy Blvd. Building Blocks Day Care in regard to a day care teacher pulling a knife on a 6 year old female student. The offense occurred on Friday, 05/18/12. The Director of the day care, Lori McQueen, DOB: 03/24/73 stated the teacher, Suzanne Warmington, DOB: 10/17/77 was witnessed by another teacher and student pulling out a pocket knife, opening it and placing it against the victim's knee and asking if she needed to cut it off. The suspect was called in by the director and instructed to put the knife in her vehicle and reprimanded.

Mrs. McQueen stated she was inside the center working when her daughter, Paige McQueen, DOB: 02/06/02 came to her at approximately 3:45 pm and told her that Ms. Suzanne was mean. Paige said Ms. Suzanne told a little girl she needed to cry real tears to get a band aid for her booboo on her leg. She then pulled out a knife and put it against the little girl's leg and told her she would cut it off if she didn't stop crying.

Mrs. McQueen stated another teacher Jennifer Catron, DOB: 05/18/74 came to her and told her the same story and stated she witnessed the whole event.

Mrs. McQueen stated she then sent for Ms. Suzanne and told her it was completely inappropriate to have a knife and to pull it out and hold it against a child's leg. Mrs. McQueen stated the suspect told her she had only held it against her own child's finger. Mrs. McQueen stated she told Ms. Suzanne to take the knife to her vehicle, which she did, but upon returning showed a sarcastic attitude by holding up her key chain and keys and saying see I only have keys!

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The knife used in the menacing was described by the reporting party Mrs. McQueen as being a folding knife with a black colored handle and a silver colored blade. Mrs. McQueen stated she thought the knife was approximately 2 and 1/2 inches long when closed and had a blade which was approximately 2 and 1/2 inches in length.

On 05/31/12 at approximately 0924 hours Investigative Specialist T. May/4188 conducted a forensic interview with the victim. The victim stated she hurt her knee and went to tell the teacher, Ms. Suzanne. The victim stated the teacher took a knife, put it on her (the victim's) knee and told her "Here, let me cut it off". When asked how it felt when the knife was on her knee the victim said she felt "sad".

The victim described the knife as black, approximately one foot in length and that it came from Ms. Suzanne's pocket.

On 06/14/12 at approximately 1030 hours Your Affiant was contacted by the suspect via phone. The suspect said she was at the Department of Human Services and had been told to call about allegations of a sexual assault on a child. I asked the suspect to come down to the Police Operations Center (705 South Nevada Avenue) to talk to me and she agreed.

Upon Ms. Warmington's arrival at 1105 hours, I conducted a Mirandized interview with her. During the interview the suspect changed her story several times but finally admitted that the victim approached her with a skinned knee. The suspect said she had her pocket knife to the victim's knee and made a "snide" comment about cutting it off.

In addition the suspect brought the knife that was used and gave it to me. The knife was placed into evidence.

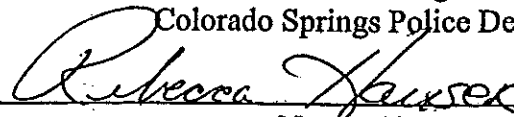
I would respectfully request that probable cause be found that SUZANNE M. WARMINGTON, DOB: 10/17/77, [REDACTED] WHITE FEMALE, HEIGHT 5'4", WEIGHT 202 LBS, REDDISH BLONDE HAIR AND BLUE EYES did within the City of Colorado Springs, County of El Paso and State of Colorado, commit in violation of the Colorado Revised Statutes, the offense(s) of MENACING/18-3-206, A CLASS FIVE FELONY (F5), CHILD ABUSE/18-6-401, A CLASS TWO MISDEMEANOR (M2), AND RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT/18-3-208, A CLASS THREE MISDEMEANOR (M3).

06/14/12

Date

 2767D
Detective's Signature

Colorado Springs Police Department


Notary Signature

My Commission

expires:

09-30-14

Address:

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Colorado Springs, CO 80903