

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ANDREW COUNTY, MISSOURI

Date: 10/15/2026

Case Number: 2026-70005005

OCN #:

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

I, ABEL R GARCIA, an Investigator with the NWMOCCTF, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts herein contained are true.

1. I have probable cause to believe that on 10/14/2026, at approximately 00:54 hours, at 10966 Missouri 48, Rosendale, MO 64483, located in Andrew County, Missouri, that STEVEN O MCDERMIT, Race- White, Sex- Male, committed one (1) or more criminal offense(s):

Ct. 1 Offense: MAKING OBSCENE OR INDECENT COMMERCIAL MESSAGES Charge Code: 573.100-002Y202037 NCIC: 07.0

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Ct. 3 Offense: Charge Code: NCIC:

2. The facts supporting this belief are (State facts including date and time):

On 10/14/2026 at 00:54 hours, Mr. McDermit used a TextNow phone number (816.552.3076) to leave two voice messages on a commercial sex chatline application owned by Vokal (First Media) where he described directly having access to two juvenile females, one six months old and the other one year old, and being naked with both in bed. Mr. McDermit also stated that his "girlfriend just left for work" and that he had them for a few hours for "nasty" sex acts.

Later that morning at 02:58 hours, Mr. McDermit used that same TextNow phone number to leave two more voice messages where he described again that his girlfriend left for work and he was laying in bed with her two daughters, six months old and one year old, with no limits. He described that he took off their diapers and was going to perform deviate sex acts while active on FaceTime.

Through disclosure requests issued to TextNow and Google, LLC. the phone number used is registered to a user that utilizes the email somcdermit1522@gmail.com. The Chatline used is owned by Vokal (First Media Group) where subjects can create an account and pay to post voice messages for other users to connect for sexual encounters.

3. **For issuance of a warrant in a misdemeanor case, also complete the following, if appropriate:**

a. I believe that the defendant will not appear in court, to a criminal summons because:

b. I believe the defendant poses a danger to the crime victim and/or a danger to the community or any other person because:

The defendant is a law enforcement officer in Northwest Missouri with access to firearms, law enforcement equipment, and law enforcement information systems that would give him access to make contact with other victims.

ABEL R GARCIA

Printed Name of Submitting Officer



Signature of Submitting Officer