

IN THE
3RD DISTRICT COURT - SALT LAKE
COUNTY OF SALT LAKE, STATE OF UTAH

State of Utah vs. JOEL LEHI ORGANISTA Date of Birth: 04/01/1992	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Affidavit of Probable Cause</h2>
Arrestee	

On 06/02/2021 19:40 the defendant was arrested for the offense(s) of:

#	Offense Date	Offense Description	Statute	Gov Code	Severity	DV
1	06/02/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
2	06/02/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
3	06/02/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
4	06/02/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
5	06/02/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
6	06/02/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
7	06/02/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
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I believe there is probable cause to charge the defendant with these charges because:

Between 1/5/2021 and 6/2/2021 Joel Lehi Organista, an adult male, committed eight (8) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor when he knowingly possessed files with images and/or videos portraying child pornography while at his residence in Salt Lake County, Utah. An original CyberTipLine report was provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children with images and videos from a Dropbox account. The Dropbox account was connected to a Google Fiber account (internet protocol address) at his Salt Lake County address. The Dropbox account contained at least five (5) images and/or videos containing child pornography.

The following description is a representation of the child pornography images and/or videos contained in the account connected to Jose Lehi Organista: Filename 832717143909220352_d_y9TyLtDduND44Y.mp4, is a video that depicts a naked, approximately 5 year old female, laying on her stomach with her anus and genitalia visible. An adult male exposes his penis and masturbates behind the child. The male subject sodomizes the child, touching her anus with his finger.

During a post Miranda interview, Jose Lehi Organista admitted to having downloaded, viewed, and kept the images and videos containing child pornography in his Dropbox account.

During the service of a search warrant at Jose Lehi Organista's address, officers located electronic devices with information connecting Joel to the original report (matching email account). During a search of Joel's electronic devices (iPhone, iPad, and iMac Mini), officers located a Snapchat account where Joel was communicating with children identifying themselves as between the ages of 12-17. In the Snapchat communications, Joel is clearly notified of the ages of the children and asks for naked photographs and directs the children to do sexual acts. Specifically, in one chat with a self-identified 12 year old boy, Joel directed him to "Show your body like me and we can cum together". He then said, "So I can see your face. And how you feel good". In the interview, Joel stated that during the video chats with these children, they "jerk off together". Images of the children were exchanged with Joel and are clearly identifiable as child pornography. The following description is of one of the

images located on Joel's Snapchat account:

The image is a Snapchat color photograph of a prepubescent boy, approximately 12 years old, holding his erect penis. His testicles and scrotum are also visible.

I believe these to be additional condition(s) for continued detention:

The current offense is a felony. There is substantial evidence to support the charge, and through clear and convincing evidence that ? would constitute a substantial danger to any another individual or to the community, or is likely to flee the jurisdiction of the court if released on bail.

Joel Lehi Organista has access to young children in his current position of trust involving grades K-12. Joel has shown that, through electronic means, that he frequently meets children online, solicits nude photographs from them, and has private online video conversations with them.

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Officer Name: KELLY ZIERSE	Badge ID: 7P191
I am a sworn officer with: UT0180600 - WEST JORDAN PD	
Arresting agency case number: 21H001572	Associated citation number:

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.
/s/ KELLY ZIERSE

SUBMISSION IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Booking agency: SALT LAKE COUNTY JAIL	Booking agency ORI: UT018013C	
Booking agency case number:	SID:	OTN:
Booking UserID:	Booking date/time:	Submission ID: 1391651 (Version 1)