

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

State of Utah  vs.  JESSE KNIGHT Date of Birth: 03/30/1985	<b>Affidavit of Probable Cause</b>
Arrestee	

On 10/13/2021 22:00 the defendant was arrested for the offense(s) of:

#	Offense Date	Offense Description	Statute	Gov Code	Severity	DV
1	10/13/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
2	10/13/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
3	10/13/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
4	10/13/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
5	10/13/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
6	10/13/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
7	10/13/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
8	10/13/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
9	10/13/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
10	10/13/2021	SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR	76-5B-201	UT	F2	No
11	10/13/2021	DEALING IN MATERIALS HARMFUL TO MINOR	76-10-1206(1)	UT	F3	No
12	10/13/2021	HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF A CHILD	76-5-308.5	UT	F1	No
13	10/13/2021	HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF A CHILD	76-5-308.5	UT	F1	No
14	10/13/2021	HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF A CHILD	76-5-308.5	UT	F1	No
15	10/13/2021	HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF A CHILD	76-5-308.5	UT	F1	No
16	10/13/2021	HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF A CHILD	76-5-308.5	UT	F1	No
17	10/13/2021	HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF A CHILD	76-5-308.5	UT	F1	No
18	10/13/2021	HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF A CHILD	76-5-308.5	UT	F1	No
19	10/13/2021	HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF A CHILD	76-5-308.5	UT	F1	No
20	10/13/2021	HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF A CHILD	76-5-308.5	UT	F1	No
21	10/13/2021	ENTICE A MINOR BY INTERNET OR TEXT	76-4-401(4)(A)(I)	UT	F2	No
22	10/13/2021	ENTICE A MINOR BY INTERNET OR TEXT	76-4-401(4)(A)(I)	UT	F2	No

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I believe there is probable cause to charge the defendant with these charges because:

In early-September 2021, a report was filed with the Utah Attorney General's Office - ICAC Task Force where two teenage girls were being paid for nude photos of themselves. Following interviews with the underage girls and their parents, suspect information was obtained along with social media accounts.

It was learned that one of the teenaged girls was paid more money for pictures of a toddler family member. Pursuant to search warrants to the social media and payment companies, the suspect who was paying the teenage girls was identified as Jesse Neal KNIGHT.

A review of the search warrant results showed that KNIGHT offered to pay over 200 underage girls for nude photos. Several underage girls throughout the state of Utah were positively identified as receiving money from KNIGHT for nude photos.

On October 13, 2021, the Utah ICAC Task Force executed a residential search warrant in the Salt Lake area where KNIGHT lived. KNIGHT was contacted at a different location and brought back to his residence.

Post Miranda Warning, Jesse KNIGHT admitted to owning the social media and payment accounts where he contacted underage girls and paid them. KNIGHT admitted to paying underage girls approximately \$30,000 over a span of approximately three years for nude pictures.

A review of the transaction history for KNIGHT's account showed that he paid over \$3,000 for photos. KNIGHT admitted that he paid \$5,000 to an underage girl for her nude photos.

KNIGHT admitted to obtaining nude photos of a 3yo female child which was still stored on his cell phone. KNIGHT admitted that he paid for the six to seven nude photos of the 3yo female child. KNIGHT admitted that he asked the underage girls to perform sex acts and he sent them pictures of his penis. KNIGHT admitted that he told the underage girls that he wanted to perform various explicit sex acts to them and wanted to meet them in person. KNIGHT never met any of the underage girls.

KNIGHT did not have an exact number of the amount of underage girls he has paid. After a review of KNIGHT's social media and payment accounts, it is estimated he has paid approximately 27 underage girls for nude photos.

An on scene forensic review of Jesse KNIGHT's electronic devices show evidence of child pornography stored. KNIGHT admitted that he was still in possession of the nude six to seven photos of the 3yo female and it was stored on his cell phone. On scene forensics also showed that KNIGHT was actively talking to and receiving nude photos from underage girl. The nude photos show the underage girl standing fully nude in front of a mirror. The female child's breasts and genitals are exposed. There were approximately 20 photos of this particular girl. KNIGHT admitted to knowing that this girl was underage.

Jesse KNIGHT is booked into the Salt Lake County jail on 10 counts of F2 - sexual exploitation of a minor, 3 counts of F3 dealing harmful materials to a minor, 3 counts of F2 enticement of a minor, and 9 counts of human trafficking of a child.

Jesse KNIGHT last talked to and paid an underage girl for nude photos on today's date, October 13, 2021. KNIGHT is a high risk to the public as he has contacted several underage girls throughout the state of Utah for the last three years. KNIGHT himself has admitted that I have an addiction. KNIGHT admitted to paying underage girls for nude photos. KNIGHT admitted to having evidence of child pornography on his cell phone (which was found). KNIGHT admitted to telling the underage girls that he wanted to perform sex acts with them and wanted to meet them in person. KNIGHT admitted to sending pictures of his penis to underage girls.

Due to all the circumstances outlined, KNIGHT's statements, and him being a significant risk to the public, the Utah Attorney General's Office - ICAC Task Force request no bail be set. NFD

Officer Name: SETE AULAI	Badge ID: 27A33
I am a sworn officer with: UT018015A - ATTORNEY GENERAL	
Arresting agency case number: AG2021-532	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/ SETE AULAI

**SUBMISSION IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION**

Booking agency: SALT LAKE COUNTY JAIL	Booking agency ORI: UT018013C	
Booking agency case number: 21036072	SID:	OTN: 61421376
Booking UserID: GRIGSBY	Booking date/time: 10/14/2021 00:44	Submission ID: 1534021 (Version 1)