

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, MERCER COUNTY, OHIO
CRIMINAL DIVISION

STATE OF OHIO,

CASE NO. 25-CRM-032

Plaintiff

VS.

JOSEPH D. TAYLOR
605 North Seventh Street
Coldwater, OH 45828
DOB: 5/26/2006
SSN: XXX-XX-9677

COMPLAINT

Defendant.

Count One

Menacing by Stalking - F4

§2903.211(A)(1), 2903.211(B)(2)(d)

Date of Offense

On or about February 24, 2025

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Complainant being duly sworn states that Joseph D. Taylor, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about February 24, 2025, unlawfully

by engaging in a pattern of conduct, did knowingly cause Victim # 1 to believe that Joseph D. Taylor would cause physical harm to Victim # 1 or a family or household member of Victim # 1 or cause mental distress to Victim # 1 or a family or household member of Victim # 1.

FURTHERMORE, the victim of the offense is a minor, to wit: Victim # 1's date of birth is April 24, 2008.

The offense is contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

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Officer Lucas Wolfe
Coldwater Police Department

Sworn before me by Officer Lucas Wolfe, Coldwater Police Department, on this day of March 12, 2025.

Judge

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AFFIDAVIT ON COMPLAINT
(O.R.C. 2935.09)

STATE OF OHIO, MERCER COUNTY, SS:

I, Officer Lucas Wolfe, do hereby state that I am employed at the Coldwater Police Department. The following did occur:

On February 24, 2025, I initiated an investigation involving Christina Borger. Borger wanted to make a complaint involving her juvenile daughter and her juvenile niece. She said that these girls have been harassed by a boy named Joseph Taylor, who is 18 years of age. Christina has told Taylor numerous times to stop contacting them, but he continues. Taylor told Christina that her niece, Victim # 1, was his and no one else was going to have her. Christina resides in Wapakoneta, Ohio so I referred her to authorities in that jurisdiction.

I went to the Coldwater High School and spoke with Principal Hemmelgarn about the situation. He said that he had Taylor and Victim # 1 in his office, earlier today. He told Taylor to stop emailing and contacting Victim # 1. I requested emails between the two. The school said that they would try to get those.

On February 24, 2025, I contacted VR #1, Victim #1's father. I made him aware of the allegations and he said that he would follow up with Victim # 1 about the situation and get back with me.

Wapakoneta Police Department contacted me and asked that I make contact with Joseph Taylor and tell him to stop contacting Borger and her family and warn him for telecommunication harassment.

On February 24, 2025, I went to 605 North Seventh Street in Coldwater to speak with Taylor. I made contact with Taylor and warned him about further contact with Borger and her family. I spoke with him about Victim # 1. Taylor admitted that he contacted Victim #1 after being told not to by Mr. Hemmelgarn at the school. I gave Taylor a warning about contact with Victim #1 in the future.

On February 25, 2025, I was contacted by VR #1. He said that he spoke with Victim # 1, and she did feel like she was being harassed by Joseph Taylor.

On February 26, 2025, I spoke with Victim # 1 and VR #1. Victim # 1 said that Taylor doesn't understand that they are not seeing each other anymore. Victim # 1 went on to say that Taylor spoke with her this morning, and she didn't want to. He asked for a hug, and she said no. After this, Taylor started emailing her. As I spoke with Victim # 1 more, she said that

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between December 2024 and January 2025, Taylor sent her photos of his penis on four occasions. She said that these were through the social media site "Snapchat." VR #1 asked that I inform Taylor to stop trying to communicate with Victim # 1.

The school provided me emails between Taylor and Victim #1. There were 140 pages of emails in a two-week period.

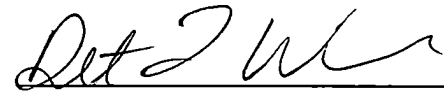
On February 26, 2025, I went to Taylor's home again. I warned him for telecommunication harassment.

On March 2, 2025, VR #1 let me know that Victim # 1 received another email from Joseph Taylor.

On March 3, I received a call from VR #2, and she said that Taylor is still trying to contact Victim # 1 by reaching out to friends and family members and stalking her friends on social media sites. At school, Taylor tried to trip Victim # 1. She said that this has been reported to the school.

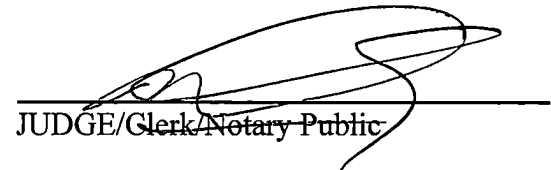
Both parents of Victim # 1 requested charges be filed on Taylor.

On March 12, 2025, I went to Coldwater Schools to speak with Victim #1. She reported that Taylor's continued attempts to contact her have been causing her and her family significant stress and causing her to fall behind on her school work.



Officer Lucas Wolfe
Coldwater Police Department

Sworn to before me by Officer Lucas Wolfe, Coldwater Police Department on March 12, 2025.



JUDGE/Clerk/Notary Public

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