

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

State of Ohio,

CASE NO. 23-CRM-176

Plaintiff

VS.

Shawn A. Steinke,
5765 Monroe Rd
Celina, OH 45822
DOB: 11/26/1974
SSN: XXX-XX-2871

COMPLAINT

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Defendant.

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Count One **Menacing by Stalking - F4**
§2903.211(A)(1), 2903.211(B)(2)(d)

Date of Offense On or about November 6, 2023 to November 29, 2023

Complainant being duly sworn states that Shawn A. Steinke, in the City of Celina, Mercer County, Ohio, on or about November 6, 2023 to November 29, 2023, unlawfully

by engaging in a pattern of conduct, did knowingly cause victim # 1 to believe that Shawn A. Steinke 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

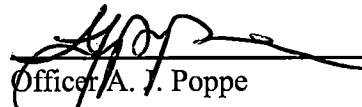
. The offense is contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

Furthermore, the victim of the offense is a minor, to wit: victim #1's date of birth is July 5, 2013.

Specification for Forfeiture of Property - §2941.1417(A)

Shawn A. Steinke is the owner and/or possessor of 2013 Dodge Challenger VIN number 2C3CDYBT6DH551155 which was contraband and/or property derived from or through the commission or facilitation of the offense, and/or was an instrumentality the offender used or intended to use in the commission or facilitation of the offense and is subject to forfeiture pursuant to 2941.1417(A), 2981.02, and 2981.04 of the Revised Code

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Sworn before me by Officer A. J. Poppe, Celina Police Department on December 1, 2023.


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

STATE OF OHIO, MERCER COUNTY, SS:

I, do hereby state that I am employed at the Celina Police Department. The following did occur:

On November 13, 2023 Sgt. Fuelling took a complaint from Ken Schmeising, the Superintendent of Celina City Schools. Schmeising said that there was a male in a dark colored Dodge Challenger driving by and sitting at a bus stop, watching children. Schmeising provided photos of the car and the license plate of JVu8382. I was familiar with the vehicle and verified that by checking the plate number through LEADS/NCIC that the vehicle belongs to a Shawn Steinke.

I was familiar with Steinke and knew that there have been many complaints made over the years reporting that Steinke has been around bus stops, playgrounds and swimming pools, where kids are known to be. In March of 2023, I assisted a Detective from the St. Marys Police Department in reference to a complaint they had taken, involving Steinke around children. I was also aware that Steinke has been seen driving a maroon Dodge Ram truck.

I started my investigation by speaking with victim representative # 1 (VR1). Vr1 has a daughter at the bus stop located at North Sugar Street and Blake Street, in the City of Celina. Her daughter told her that for the last couple of weeks, a male, described as being bald, heavier build, glasses, a goatee and tattoos on his arms, was driving a Dodge Challenger and a maroon truck and would drive by and look at them. On November 9, 2023 the male drove by real slow, was staring at them and then licked his lips and smiled at them. Vr1 said that her daughter is 10 years of age and the other children are also minors.

I spoke with the bus driver from that route and she said that the kids did tell her about this male and expressed their fears of him.

I spoke with victim # 1. She confirmed what her mother had told me. She said that she was scared of the man, not knowing what he would do because he "drives by a lot."

I found that other parents and school personnel were aware of this and were concerned about the unusual activities of Steinke.

I pulled some of Steinke's criminal history and found reports in Mercer County dating back to 2001, from Celina and Coldwater. In 2004 Steinke was convicted of enticing children. This

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arrest was made after Steinke was sitting at bus stops and progressed to rolling down his window and speaking with children.

The Celina Police Department and Grand Lake Task Force began a project of watching the bus stops and Steinke's movements.

On November 13, 2023 at 3:24 P.M, Steinke left work at Grand Lake Builders, in his Dodge Challenger. He drove straight to the intersection of North Walnut Street and Blake Street. Steinke circled the block several times, waiting for the bus, then went back to work.

On Wednesday November 15, the school notified us that they saw Steinke at the Walnut Street bus stop.

On November 21, 2023 I spoke with 6 Celina students with ages ranging from 9 to 12 years of age. All of these students ride the bus that stops at North Sugar Street and Blake Street. All mentioned seeing this man numerous times and all said that they felt nervous, or scared of his presence.

On November 29, 2023 I received information from Detective Kraner of the St. Marys Police Department, that on November 28, Steinke was allegedly in the City of St. Marys, following a school bus around. At approximately 3:30 P.M, on November 29, 2023 I started surveillance on Steinke. I watched Steinke leave his place of employment, Grand Lake Builders, in his Dodge Challenger. I followed Steinke and watched as he proceeded into Celina. He drove to the area of Touvelle Street and Brandon Street. There was a school bus there letting kids off. Steinke turned abruptly from Touvelle onto Brandon. There were three children standing on the corner. I could see Steinke slow down and stare intensely at them. I watched him as he turned around and came back to the spot where the three kids were standing. There were two females and one male child. Steinke rolled his window down and the male started to walk over to the car, as if Steinke was speaking with him. Steinke sat there for a long enough time that a car behind him honked at him to move, and stop holding up traffic. He proceeded on and went Eastbound onto Touvelle. I radioed Det. Taylor. Taylor initiated a traffic stop on the Challenger in the 600 block of North Main Street.

I stopped at the traffic stop. I asked Steinke if he would speak with me and he said that he would. We walked to the back of the car and Shawn said that he was going home. I talked to him about his history of these kind of complaints. He agreed it has been a problem and that he told the judge after his 2004 conviction, it wouldn't happen again. I asked him what drives him to look at kids and he said that he didn't really know himself. He said that he doesn't masturbate to the kids. When asked if he gets a sexual satisfaction by looking at the kids, he replied, "yea, I guess so."

Steinke was incarcerated in the Mercer County Detention Facility and his vehicle was towed.

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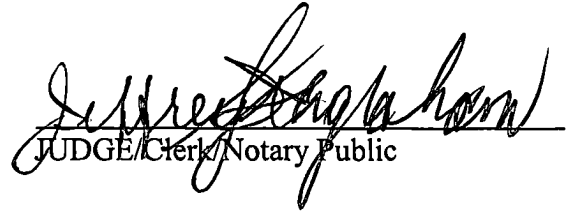
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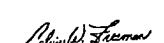
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