

IN THE CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA
COUNTY, FLORIDA

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ARREST REPORT

OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

REPORT NO: OCSO19ARR012786

Jail Booking No	Offense No	Other No	OBTS
	OCSO19OFF018356	OCSO19CAD240961	

[SUSPECT]

Last	First	Middle	Title	Race	Sex	DOB	Age	Hgt	Wgt
SPARKS	JOSEPH	MICHAEL		W	M	5/6/1971	48	5'06"	208
Eyes	Hair	MNI Number	SSN	LD No	St	Type	OCA / Agency ID		
BRO	BRO	OCSO06MNI024252			FL		237364		

Birth Location: City: FALLS CHURCH County: State: VA Nation: UNITED STATES Citizenship: UNITED STATES

Address

CORAL DR NICEVILLE FL 32578 Phone: (850)

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: MEIGS MIDDLE SCHOOL, Job Title: TEACHER, Phone: (850)833-4300 Entered: 12/11/2019

150 RICHBOURG AVE Suite: SHALIMAR FL 32579

Business: HALF HITCH TACKLE, Job Title: , Phone: (850)837-3121 Entered: 11/16/2006

Suite:

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

* none found in MNI *

Street Names

* none found in MNI *

[INCIDENT INFORMATION]

Occurred Date Range:	10/1/2019	09:54 to 12/11/2019	09:54	Lat / Long	30.44201 / -86.57969
No.	Di	Street	Apt/Lot	City	ST Zip (GEO)
50		2ND ST		SHALIMAR	FL 2 - 12 - 102 - 1006

[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

Between October of 2019 and December of 2019, Joseph Michael Sparks, the DEFENDANT, committed the offenses of having a relationship of a romantic nature by a teacher to a student and failure to report child neglect pursuant to Florida Statute 800.101(2)(b) and Florida Statute 39.201 respectively. These offenses occurred in Okaloosa County, Florida.

On December 11, 2019, Investigators were made aware of an inappropriate relationship between a teacher and student at Meigs Middle School. The VICTIM is 13 years old, and the DEFENDANT is 48 years old. The DEFENDANT is an athletic coach at the school.

The VICTIM's cellular phone was downloaded and revealed hundreds of text messages between the DEFENDANT and the VICTIM. Messages exchanged between the two detailed the personal relationship being intimate and romantic in nature.

The VICTIM and the DEFENDANT discussed how they loved each other and that the DEFENDANT was worried about the VICTIM's friends calling law enforcement about their relationship.

The VICTIM would tell the DEFENDANT on more than one occasion. The VICTIM would tell the DEFENDANT she drank alcohol and took medications to harm herself. The VICTIM explained to the DEFENDANT that her home life was bad and her parents would yell and curse at her causing her to lock herself in her bathroom and then self-harm.

The DEFENDANT told the VICTIM on multiple occasions to delete her text messages from her cellular phone to prevent anyone from finding out about the relationship.

Post Miranda, the DEFENDANT said during Thanksgiving break of 2019, he was out of school and text messaging the VICTIM. The DEFENDANT saw a video of the VICTIM dancing on an application called Tik Tok. The DEFENDANT asked the VICTIM to send him a picture of her in her underwear. The DEFENDANT confessed to the

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request being for a picture for a lewd reason. The DEFENDANT agreed the relationship filled an emotional void and was inappropriate for a teacher to have with a student. The DEFENDANT also agreed he should have reported the VICTIM's self-harm and substance abuse and failed to make a reasonable effort to protect the VICTIM from neglect at home. The DEFENDANT said he was trying to care for the VICTIM and knew the relationship was wrong.

Your Affiant believes the DEFENDANT violated Florida Statute 800.101(2)(b) which describes unlawful relationships between teachers and students and Florida Statute 39.201 which is the failure to report suspected child neglect.

These offenses occurred in Okaloosa County, Florida, where I am a sworn law enforcement officer.

I hereby swear (or affirm) that the facts established on this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature (Arresting Officer) **TRIMBOLI, JESSICA D** **082**
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 12 day of December A.D., 2019 by _____
who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Signature _____ Notary Public _____ LEO _____ CO

Commission No: _____ My Commission Expires _____

[PHYSICAL EVIDENCE] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ARREST INFORMATION]

Arrested	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury	Resist
12/11/2019 09:54	Within jurisdiction	None	N/A	No
No.	Di	Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Alcohol
50	2ND ST	No	Within jurisdiction	No
Arresting Officer		A/L	City	ST
082 TRIMBOLI, JESSICA D			SHALIMAR	FL
Reporting Officer		Unit	(GEO)	2 - 12 - 102 - 1006
082 TRIMBOLI, JESSICA D		OC SO/FSV/INV/CID		Officer Type
Forward to for approval		Unit		Original Offense Jurisdiction
OC SO/FSV/INV/CID		OC SO/FSV/INV/CID		OC SO

Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking: \$0.00

- () None
() ROR
() Cash
() Pro

Bond Set by Judge () None () ROR/Sign
() Cash () PTR

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() Any

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() PtIQ

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Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 12/7/2019 Time: 15:30
Instructions: OKALOOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

[DISPOSITION]

Disposition Type

Release Type

Other Desc

Release Date

Release Time

Release Officer

Printed Printed By

No

Released To

Court DispositionType

Court Disposition Description

[ADDITIONAL PERSONS]

COURT DISPOSITION:

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☐ No Bill / Petition ☐ Issue Warrant ☐ Prosecution Approved

Signature of Assistant State Attorney

Date

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