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IN THE THIRD DISTRICT COURT, WEST JORDAN DEPARTMENT  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SALT LAKE, STATE OF UTAH

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THE STATE OF UTAH

Plaintiff,

vs.

**STERLING GRAY VANWAGENEN**

**DOB:** [REDACTED],

**AKA:**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**OTN**

**SO#**

**Booking#**

Defendant.

Screened by: ANN P BOYLE  
Assigned to: ANN P BOYLE

**INFORMATION**

DAO # 19006543

BAIL: \$75,000.00

Warrant/Release: Not Booked

Case No.

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The undersigned C. NOWERS - SANDY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, Agency Case No. SY2019-8059, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, STERLING GRAY VANWAGENEN, committed the crime(s) of:

**COUNT 1**

**AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD, 76-5-404.1(4) UCA, First Degree Felony, as follows:** That on or about January 01, 2013 through December 31, 2015, in Salt Lake County, State of Utah, the defendant did , (1) under circumstances not amounting to rape of a child, object rape of a child, sodomy upon a child, or an attempt to commit any of these offenses, touch the anus, buttocks, pubic area, or genitalia of any child, the breast of a female child, or otherwise did take indecent liberties with a child with intent to cause substantial emotional or bodily pain to

any person or with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person regardless of the sex of any participant; and

(2)(a) the offense was committed by the use of a dangerous weapon as defined in Utah Code §76-1-601, or by force, duress, violence, intimidation, coercion, menace, or threat of harm, or was committed during the course of a kidnapping;

(b) the accused caused bodily injury or severe psychological injury to the victim during or as a result of the offense;

(c) the accused was a stranger to the victim or made friends with the victim for the purpose of committing the offense;

(d) the accused used, showed, or displayed pornography or caused the victim to be photographed in a lewd condition during the course of the offense;

(e) the accused, prior to sentencing for this offense, was previously convicted of any sexual offense;

(f) the accused committed the same or similar sexual act upon two or more victims at the same time or during the same course of conduct;

(g) the accused committed, in Utah or elsewhere, more than five separate acts, which if committed in Utah would constitute an offense described in Utah Code §76-5, and were committed at the same time, or during the same course of conduct, or before or after the instant offense;

(h) the offense was committed by a person who occupied a position of special trust in relation to the victim, as that term is defined in Section 76-5-404.1(1)(c);

(i) the accused encouraged, aided, allowed, or benefited from acts of prostitution or sexual acts by the victim with any other person, or sexual performance by the victim before another person; or

(j) the accused caused the penetration, however slight, of the genital or anal opening of the child by any part or parts of the human body other than the genitals or mouth.

The presumptive sentence for a conviction of this offense is 15 years to life. Imprisonment is mandatory.

THIS INFORMATION IS BASED ON EVIDENCE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES:

C. Nowers, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your declarant bases this information upon the following:

Affiant, Det. Nowers, is a detective with the Sandy Police Department. In that capacity, Affiant has read police reports in this matter (case no.19-8059) or otherwise received information from citizens or law enforcement personnel named herein. Based on those materials or communications, Affiant believes that the following supports this information:

Officers received a CANR (Child Abuse neglect Report) from DCFS concerning a young girl, [REDACTED], who disclosed to her parents that she had been touched inappropriately [REDACTED], STERLING GRAY VAN WAGENEN (DOB: [REDACTED]), on two occasions between 2013 and 2015, when she was between the ages of 7 and 9.

One of those occasions happened in Salt Lake County at [REDACTED]'s home. [REDACTED] stated that she was sitting on VAN WAGENEN'S lap on the stairs leading down to the basement. VAN WAGENEN reached down, put his hands under her underwear and rubbed her vagina, skin to skin. The second similar incident happened in Utah County.

Later when they went out to lunch, VAN WAGENEN asked her if the touching bothered her. VAN WAGENEN said that he did the same to [REDACTED], and if it made her uncomfortable, he wouldn't do it anymore. [REDACTED] told him it did make her uncomfortable, and VAN WAGENEN said he wouldn't do it again.

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF A WARRANT:

The State hereby request that the Court issue a Warrant of Arrest in the Above-entitled case for the following reason(s):

The facts and circumstances of the offense demand a warrant. These allegations are serious and troubling. A Warrant will ensure his appearance at his court hearing, and prevent risk of injury to a person or property.

Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 78B-5-705 (2008) I declare under criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my belief and knowledge.

Executed on: 4.4.19

*C. Nowers*  
C. NOWERS  
Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing

SIM GILL, District Attorney

*A. Boyle*  
Deputy District Attorney  
2nd day of April, 2019  
APB / DPR / DAO # 19006543