

IN THE ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT COURT OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF MISSOURI, Plaintiff

v.

Case Number

Daniel M. Rinehart Defendant
w/m 06/01/1961

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CASS)

I, Detective Corporal Teresa Carmichael, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true.

1. I have probable cause to believe that on or about 08/02/2005 to 04/02/2008 at 24200 S. Taylor Road, Harrisonville, Missouri, Daniel Morgan Rinehart w/m 06/01/1961, committed one or more criminal offenses in Cass County, Missouri.

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows: On Friday October 3, 2008, Deputy A. Messmer #664 was dispatched to the Wal-Mart Store in Harrisonville, Missouri, reference to a reported sexual abuse. Upon his arrival he contacted [REDACTED] who stated that her father, the Defendant, had been having sexual relations with her sister, the defendant. She stated that the defendant and [REDACTED] have had four children together, with the first child being born in 2004 and the last in 2006. She advised that three of the four children had died, and that two of the deceased children were buried in a garage located on the property of 24200 South Taylor in rural Harrisonville, Cass County, Missouri. I conducted an interview with [REDACTED] who confirmed the story and told her that [REDACTED] had been having sexual relations with the Defendant since she was about thirteen (13) years old.

On October 15, 2008, the Cass County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at the address 24200 S. Taylor Road, Harrisonville for human remains. They were assisted by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department cadaver dogs. During a search of the garage the dogs reacted in the northwest area of the garage under the work bench. A search and dig of that area resulted in negative findings.

On January 1, 2009, I received a phone call from the new owner of the residence located at 24200 S. Taylor Road. He informed her that upon moving items and vehicles he located two coolers, one large blue one, and a small maroon one, behind the RV. He reported that the smaller cooler had been opened and it contained what he believed were human remains. Cass County, Missouri, investigators responded and observed two coolers. The maroon cooler appeared to

contain small human bones. The Jackson Medical Examiner was contacted and they responded and both coolers were turned over to them for further investigation.

On January 3, 2009, I responded to the Jackson County Medical Examiners Office to assist them in the identity of the human remains. During the investigation and the removal of the remains from the coolers, I observed that in the large blue cooler were the remains of a male infant that was dressed in blue sweat pants and blue top along with a dark colored stocking cap. I observed inside the maroon cooler the remains of an infant wrapped in blanket.

██████████ and the Defendant were located on January 21, 2009. On January 22, 2009, Sergeant Whitmore and I conducted an interview with ██████████ who stated she had been having sex with the Defendant since she was thirteen (13) years old. She further stated that the Defendant was the father of all four of her children. ██████████ stated that her first child E. R. (dob 03/24/2004) was born when she was fifteen (15) years old and that the child was born in Oklahoma. ██████████ stated that E. R. was born 03/24/2004 and died 07/08/2004. ██████████ stated that the Defendant assisted in the birth. ██████████ stated that when E. R. died she wrapped her in a blanket where she and her mother, the Defendant, and her sisters drove to Oklahoma, and buried E. R. in a box with silicone around the lid.

██████████ stated that in 2005 they went to live with her grandmother at 24200 S. Taylor Road in Harrisonville, Cass County, Missouri. ██████████ stated that they stayed at the Taylor Road address until 2008. ██████████ stated that she was pregnant with her second child, I. R. (dob 08/02/2005), during the time they moved to her grandmother's property. ██████████ stated I. R. was born on 08/02/2005. ██████████ stated that I. R. was born in the orange truck on the property at 24200 S. Taylor Road in Cass County, Missouri. She stated that the Defendant and her mother, Linda Rinehart, assisted in the birth with her mother cutting the umbilical cord with scissors. ██████████ stated that I. R. is the only child she has that is still living.

██████████ stated that on 11/17/2006 her third child, J. R. (dob 11/17/2006) was born. ██████████ stated that her mother and the Defendant assisted in the birth with her mother directing her father on what to do. ██████████ stated that the Defendant cut the umbilical cord with scissors. ██████████ stated that J. R. became ill and they began giving him over the counter medicine. ██████████ stated that even though J. R. was ill they never sought medical attention. ██████████ stated that J. R. died of pneumonia on 02/28/2007. ██████████ stated that after J. R. died she put J. R. in a dark blue box with a light blue blanket wrapped around him along with a teddy bear and matchbox car. ██████████ stated that J. R. was dressed in dark blue pants and blue turtle neck with white socks and a stocking cap. ██████████ stated that she then sealed the lid with silicone and screwed down the lid. The description she provided was consistent with observations made by Cass County Sheriff's deputies and myself and at the scene and at the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office. ██████████ stated that she and the Defendant dug a hole in the dirt garage floor and the Defendant put J. R. in the ground where they covered it with dirt. ██████████ stated that her mother had called her and informed her that investigators were coming to the house. ██████████ stated she was scared and dug up J. R. and put him under a tarp behind the RV in the other garage.

██████████ stated that on 04/02/2008 she gave birth to her fourth child, G. R. (dob 04/02/2008) at the Taylor Road address. ██████████ stated that she had been painting on cars that day and that evening gave birth to G. R. ██████████ stated that she gave birth in the camper around 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning and that the Defendant assisted in the birth. ██████████ stated that the Defendant

told her that G. R. was dead at birth. [REDACTED] stated that the following morning the infant G. R. wrapped in the blanket and placed G. R. in a maroon cooler. [REDACTED] and the Defendant sealed the lid with silicone. [REDACTED] stated that the cooler containing G. R. was placed behind the RV with J. R.

On January 22, 2009, an interview was conducted with the Defendant. During the interview the Defendant stated that he had been having sexual relations with his daughter [REDACTED]. He stated that he could not provide the date that he and [REDACTED] started having sexual relations. The Defendant stated that [REDACTED] has given birth to four children, two of which he was sure were his. The Defendant stated that three of the babies died and that one is still living named J. R. The Defendant stated that he had delivered two of the babies with the assistance and guidance of Linda Rinehart. The Defendant stated that Linda Rinehart delivered the other two children with his assistance. The Defendant stated that three of the children were born at the address on Taylor Road, Harrisonville, and that he buried the remains of [REDACTED] third child J. R. in a box in the garage by the tool bench. The Defendant stated that J. R. had been ill for about two weeks and that he had bought medication for the child. The Defendant stated J. R.'s conditioned worsened and he died. The Defendant stated that he nor [REDACTED] attempted to obtain medical assistance for the child. The Defendant stated that the fourth child was born without a pulse and he did attempt to give the infant CPR. The Defendant stated that he nor [REDACTED] attempted to obtain medical assistance for the infant. The Defendant stated that he applied the silicone to the lids of two totes that were used to bury the infant remains. The Defendant stated he later dug up the third child and put it behind the RV.

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