

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

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PHILIP M. FRAZIER  
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
BENTON, ILLINOIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
 )  
 v. )  
 )  
 CATHARINE L. MILLER, )  
 )  
 Defendant. )

CASE NO. 08-MJ-4040-PMF

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Eric B. Ruhe, undersigned complainant, being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

COUNT 1

**TRAVELING IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE TO ENGAGE IN ILLICIT SEXUAL CONDUCT**

On or about November 14, 2008,

**CATHARINE L. MILLER,**

defendant herein, did travel in interstate commerce from the State of Ohio to Wayne County, Illinois, located in the Southern District of Illinois, for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2423(f), that is, a sexual act as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2246(2), with a person under eighteen years of age, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2423(b).

AFFIDAVIT

I, Eric B. Ruhe, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

1. Your affiant is a Special Federal Officer (SFO) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Springfield Division, Marion, Illinois Resident Agency.

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2. In the Springfield Division, your affiant is assigned to investigate crimes including Sexual Exploitation of Children (SEOC) violations of federal law.
3. The factual information supplied in this affidavit is based upon my investigation in this matter to date and information provided to me by other law enforcement officers. Since this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of supporting a Complaint, I have not set forth every fact of this investigation.
4. On November 17, 2008, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department provided the following information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation related to the arrest of CATHARINE L. MILLER who is 33 years old.
5. On November 17, 2008, MILLER was arrested by the Wayne County Sherriff's Department for Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse (Class 2 Felony) related to the sexual abuse of a minor child who was 14 years of age at the time of offense.


During July 2008, MILLER and the juvenile victim met online through a forum in [www.lisarizzo.com](http://www.lisarizzo.com). MILLER and the juvenile victim also communicated through e-mail via MSN Hotmail. Since approximately September 2008, MILLER and the juvenile victim also communicated via cellular telephone. MILLER told the juvenile victim to call her "Jordan," and not to call her by her real name, Catharine.

6. During the online communications, the juvenile victim told MILLER that she was 14 years of age. During the e-mail and telephonic communications between MILLER and the juvenile victim MILLER discussed engaging in sexual conduct with the juvenile victim, namely, oral sex.
7. On or about November 11, 2008, MILLER sent a text message to the juvenile victim stating that she had reserved a hotel room in Flora, Illinois. In addition, MILLER and the juvenile victim spoke by telephone and agreed to meet in person for the purpose of engaging in sexual conduct. The juvenile victim provided information as to where to meet in Cisne, Illinois, also located in Wayne County, Illinois.

8. On November 14, 2008, MILLER traveled from Cincinnati, Ohio to Flora, Illinois then to a prearranged location in Cisne, Illinois and met with the juvenile victim. MILLER proposed marriage to the juvenile victim and provided a diamond ring. MILLER also provided a baby bottle to the juvenile victim because the juvenile would be MILLER's "baby." MILLER brought matching boxer shorts for herself and the juvenile victim. Afterwards, MILLER and the juvenile victim went to the Cisne High School basketball game.
9. On November 15, 2008, MILLER and the juvenile victim met at the Johnsonville Park, also in Wayne County, Illinois. While inside MILLER's vehicle, MILLER and the juvenile victim engaged in sexual conduct. MILLER placed her hands inside the pants of the juvenile victim but the juvenile asked MILLER to stop due to her being on her menstrual cycle. The juvenile victim then placed her hand inside the pants of MILLER and touched the outside of MILLER's vaginal area. MILLER and the juvenile victim slept all night in the back seat of the vehicle.
10. On November 16, 2008, MILLER drove the juvenile victim to Fairfield, Illinois. During the drive, MILLER asked the juvenile victim if they could get on I-64 and runaway together. The juvenile victim asked to go home. Later that evening, the juvenile victim met with MILLER again and were parked in MILLER's vehicle near Johnsonville Park.
11. The juvenile's step-father was notified by a friend's parent of the juvenile victim's presence near Johnsonville Park. The juvenile's step-father and mother traveled to the Johnsonville Park and discovered the juvenile victim and MILLER in the car kissing.
12. The juvenile's step-father pulled MILLER out of the vehicle and contacted law enforcement.
13. On or about November 17, 2008, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department arrested MILLER. MILLER was advised of her Miranda rights which she waived.
14. Wayne County Sheriff Jim Hinkle contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Special Federal Officer (SFO) Keli Jo Lawson traveled to Fairfield, Illinois and was provided with the above information.

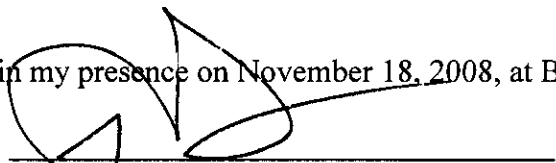
15. SFO Lawson interviewed the juvenile victim who confirmed the above information and stated that MILLER was aware that she was 14 years of age, and MILLER traveled from Ohio to Illinois for the purpose of engaging in sexual conduct with a minor child.
16. SFO Lawson interviewed MILLER. During the interview, MILLER stated she was aware that the juvenile victim was 14 year of age, and that MILLER traveled from Ohio to Illinois for the purpose of engaging in sexual conduct with a minor child.
17. During a search of MILLER's vehicle, the Wayne County Sherriff's Department located a printed Mapquest map showing the directions from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Flora, Illinois, dated November 11, 2008, a receipt for the diamond engagement ring, baby bottles, a laptop computer, and lubricant.
18. Wayne County, Illinois, is located within the Southern District of Illinois.

**FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.**


  
 ERIC B. RUHE, Special Federal Officer  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation

State of Illinois        )  
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 County of Franklin    )

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence on November 18, 2008, at Benton, Illinois.

  
 PHILIP M. FRAZIER  
 United States Magistrate Judge

**A. COURTNEY COX**  
 United States Attorney

  
**JAMES M. CUTCHIN**  
 Assistant United States Attorney