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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

From: Eric Hoffman, Prosecuting Attorney
Subject: Press Release
Date: August 28, 2019

Formal charges filed against Brian E. Couch

On today's date, the Delaware County Prosecutor filed formal charges against Brian E. Couch. These charges include multiple counts of child molesting and other related offenses. A copy of the affidavit of probable cause for arrest as well as the charging information is attached. The case will be prosecuted by Prosecuting Attorney Eric Hoffman and Deputy Prosecutor Bryce Winslow.

It is important to remember that an arrest and/or the filing of a criminal charge is simply an allegation and is not evidence of guilt. All suspects are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

The ethical rules for prosecutors in Indiana prohibit further comment on this matter. At this time, there will be no further comment.

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AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT

COMES NOW, Ryan Jaromin , a police officer of the Yorktown Police Department, and being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that the following described person was arrested, without Warrant, upon the charge(s) and circumstances hereinafter stated, and makes this affidavit for the purpose of establishing probable cause for said arrest.

NAME OF ARRESTEE: Brian E Couch CASE REPORT #: 2019-02057

ADDRESS OF ARRESTEE: 2421 S Plum ST, Yorktown, IN, 47396

ARRESTEE DATE OF BIRTH: 11/25/1963

DATE OF ARREST: 08/22/2019 TIME OF ARREST: 10:55 PM

CHARGES 1-8: Child Molesting a Level 1 Felony (8 Counts)

CHARGE 9: Rape a Level 3 Felony

CHARGES 10-29: Child Molesting a Level 4 Felony (20 Counts)

The basis and reasons why this officer believes that said arrestee committed the aforesaid offense (s) are as follows:

On August 22, 2019 at approximately 18:59 hours, Sergeant Chris Greene was dispatched to 2421 S Plum Street in Yorktown, Delaware County, Indiana on "child abuse" report. When Sergeant Greene arrived he spoke to the arrestee, Brian E Couch, who told him that he needed to talk to police about inappropriately touching his juvenile daughter. Sergeant Greene asked Couch to come to the Yorktown Police Department to be interviewed and Couch agreed to this.

At the Yorktown Police Department I advised Couch of his Miranda Rights and he agreed to speak with me. Couch was visibly disturbed and told me that he had inappropriately touched his daughter several times from the time of around her 11th birthday to around the time she was 15. Couch said that the last time that he "inappropriately touched" his daughter was around August or September of 2018. Couch said that he wanted to tell police about this inappropriate behavior so that his family could "move on".

When I asked Couch to elaborate on what he meant by "inappropriate touching", he explained as follows. Couch said that on multiple occasions (15-20) he had "touched" his daughters' vagina. Couch said that the "touching" occurred when his daughter was between the ages of 11 and 14 years old. Couch said that this "touching" would be both on top of and under his daughters clothing. Couch said that his daughter would sometimes touch his penis on the outside of his clothing while he was touching her vagina. Couch described

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the touching always as "inappropriate" and said that he did this to his daughter because she was "conveniently there".

Couch then described that his behavior had escalated to the point where he "fingered" his daughters' vagina. Couch described this as more than just "touching" but stated that he did not put his finger "all the way" in his daughters' vagina because he did not want to hurt her. Couch told me that he "fingered" his daughter approximately 4 times between the times his daughter was 11 and 14 years old. Again Couch said that he had "fingered" his daughter because it was convenient and that she didn't say no.

Couch stated again that the behavior escalated to the point that he performed oral sex on his daughter. Couch said that the oral sex occurred approximately 3 time while his daughter was between 11 and 14 years old. Couch stated that his daughter did not say no and he did this because she was "convenient".

Couch stated that all of the above incidences occurred at his family's residence located at 2421 S Plum ST, Yorktown, Indiana. Couch said that the above incidence occurred in his daughters' bed, in his shower, and in his bed.

On this same day, the victim (A.C.), was interviewed by Shelby I. Cooper at the Child Advocacy Center. Investigator Brooke Barnard witnessed the forensic interview through an observation room. Investigator Barnard stated that the victim (A.C.) reported that her father, identified as Brian Couch, began touching her vagina with his finger when she was 6 or 7 years old. A.C. stated that her father placed his fingers inside her vagina and "moved them around". A.C. said that her father did this "all the time" until November of 2018 when she was 14 years old..

A.C stated that Couch began "licking" her vagina (oral sex) when she was 10 years old. A.C. stated that the oral sex occurred daily from age 10 until November of 2018. A.C. stated that at age 13 Brian Couch forcefully held her down by her arms and put his penis into her vagina.

A.C. reported that the sexual intercourse occurred approximately 5 times. A.C stated that as she got older, she began fighting back to prevent these sexual assaults from occurring. A.C. reported that Couch would hit her with an open hand on multiple parts of her body when she would resist. According to A.C., the sexual conduct occurred at Couch's residence in both Brian and A.C.'s bedrooms.



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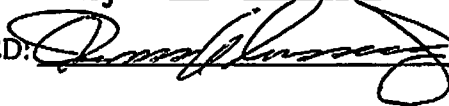
During a secondary interview, Couch admitted to Chief Todd St. John that he had in fact had sexual intercourse with his daughter (A.C). Couch described this as penetrating her vagina with his penis when she was 12 years old.

DATED: 08/22/2019

OFFICER: Ryan Jaromin

JUDICIAL DETERMINATION

THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING A JUDICIAL OFFICER OF DELAWARE COUNTY, AND HAVING REVIEWED THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT, NOW DETERMINES THAT PROBABLE CAUSE EXISTED FOR THE ARREST OF SAID ARRESTEE AND NOW FIXES BAIL IN THE PENAL SUM OF \$300,000.00 CASH OR SURETY

DATED: 08/23/2019 SIGNED:  TITLE: Judge

NAME OF ARRESTEE: Brian E Couch

CASE REPORT #: 2019-02057



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COUNTY OF DELAWARE) CAUSE NUMBER. 18C04-1908-FA

INFORMATION:

STATE OF INDIANA

VS

BRIAN EUGENE COUCH

2421 S PLUM ST
YORKTOWN, IN 47396

DOB: 11/25/1963
SSN: XXX-XX-3712

Count 1:
Child Molesting
I.C. 35-42-4-3(a)(1)
a Class A Felony

Count 1:

The undersigned says that between May 6, 2010 and May 5, 2011 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Brian Eugene Couch, a person of at least twenty-one (21) years of age, did knowingly perform deviate sexual conduct with Victim 1, to wit: Brian Couch penetrated Victim 1's vagina with his finger or fingers, when Victim 1 was a child under the age of fourteen years to wit: 6 years old, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-4-3(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Count 2:
Child Molesting
I.C. 35-42-4-3(a)(1)
a Class A Felony

Count 2:

The undersigned says that between May 6, 2011 and May 5, 2012 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Brian Eugene Couch, a person of at least twenty-one (21) years of age, did knowingly perform deviate sexual conduct with Victim 1 to wit: Brian Couch penetrated Victim 1's vagina with his finger or fingers, when Victim 1 was a child under the age of fourteen years to wit: 7 years old, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-4-3(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Count 3:
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Count 3:

The undersigned says that between May 6, 2012 and May 5, 2013 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Brian Eugene Couch, a person of at least twenty-one (21) years of age, did knowingly perform deviate sexual conduct with Victim 1, to wit: Brian Couch penetrated Victim 1's vagina with his finger or fingers, when Victim 1 was a child under the age of fourteen years to wit: 8 years old, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-4-3(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Count 4:
Child Molesting
I.C. 35-42-4-3(a)(1)
a Class A Felony

Count 4:

The undersigned says that between May 6, 2013 and May 5, 2014 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Brian Eugene Couch, a person of at least twenty-one (21) years of age, did knowingly perform deviate sexual conduct with Victim 1, to wit: Brian Couch penetrated Victim 1's vagina with his finger or fingers, when Victim 1 was a child under the age of fourteen years to wit: 9 years old, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-4-3(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Count 5:
Child Molesting
I.C. 35-42-4-3(a)(1)
a Class A Felony

Count 5:

The undersigned says that between May 6, 2014 and May 5, 2015 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Brian Eugene Couch, a person of at least twenty-one (21) years of age, did knowingly perform deviate sexual conduct with Victim 1, to wit: Brian Couch licked the vagina of Victim 1 and/or penetrated Victim 1's vagina with his finger or fingers, when Victim 1 was a child under the age of fourteen years to wit: 10 years old, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-4-3(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Count 6:
Child Molesting
I.C. 35-42-4-3(a) and I.C. 35-42-4-3(a)(1)
a Level 1 Felony

Count 6:

The undersigned says that between May 6, 2015 and May 5, 2016 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Brian Eugene Couch, a person of at least twenty-one (21) years of age, did knowingly perform other sexual conduct as defined in Indiana Code Section 35-31.5-2-221.5, with Victim 1 to wit: Brian Couch licked the vagina of Victim 1 and/or penetrated Victim 1's vagina with his finger or fingers, when Victim 1 was a child under fourteen years of age to wit: 11 years old, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-4-3(a) and I.C. 35-42-4-3(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Count 7:
Child Molesting
I.C. 35-42-4-3(a) and I.C. 35-42-4-3(a)(1)
a Level 1 Felony

Count 7:

The undersigned says that between May 6, 2016 and May 5, 2017 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Brian Eugene Couch, a person of at least twenty-one (21) years of age, did knowingly perform other sexual conduct as defined in Indiana Code Section 35-31.5-2-221.5, with Victim 1 to wit: Brian Couch licked the vagina of Victim 1 and/or penetrated Victim 1's vagina with his finger or fingers, when Victim 1 was a child under fourteen years of age to wit: 12 years old, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-4-3(a) and I.C. 35-42-4-3(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Count 8:
Attempted Child Molesting
I.C. 35-42-4-3(a) and I.C. 35-41-5-1 and
I.C. 35-42-4-3(a)(1) and I.C. 35-41-5-1
a Level 1 Felony

Count 8:

The undersigned says that between May 6, 2017 and May 5, 2018 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Brian Eugene Couch did, with the intent to commit the crime of child molesting, which is defined by law as a person of at least twenty-one (21) years of age, did knowingly perform or submit to sexual intercourse or deviate sexual conduct with a child under the age of fourteen years, engage in conduct that constituted a substantial step toward the commission of child molesting, to wit: Brian Couch tried to insert his penis into Victim 1's vagina, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-4-3(a) and I.C. 35-41-5-1 and I.C. 35-42-4-3(a)(1) and I.C. 35-41-5-1 and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Count 9:
Sexual Misconduct with a Minor
I.C. 35-42-4-9(a) and I.C. 35-42-4-9(a)(1)
a Level 4 Felony

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Count 9:

The undersigned says that between May 6, 2018 and September 30, 2018 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Brian Eugene Couch, a person at least twenty-one (21) years of age, did knowingly perform other sexual conduct, as defined by I.C. 35-31.5-2-221.5, with Victim 1, a child at least 14 years of age but less than 16 years of age to wit: 14, Brian Couch licked the vagina of Victim 1 and/or inserted his finger(s) into Victim 1's vagina, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-4-9(a) and I.C. 35-42-4-9(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Count 10:
Child Molesting
I.C. 35-42-4-3(b)
a Class C Felony

Count 10:

The undersigned says that between May 6, 2010 and June 30, 2014 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Brian Eugene Couch did knowingly submit to fondling or touching with Victim 1, a child under fourteen years of age, with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the child or defendant to wit: Victim 1 touched Brian Couch's penis, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-4-3(b) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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Count 11:
Child Molesting
I.C. 35-42-4-3(b)
a Level 4 Felony

Count 11:

The undersigned says that between July 1, 2014 and September 30, 2018 in Delaware County, State of Indiana, Brian Eugene Couch did knowingly submit to fondling or touching with Victim 1, a child under fourteen years of age, with the intent to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the child or defendant to wit: Victim 1 touched Brian Couch's penis, contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-4-3(b) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

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