

CASE NUMBER 2020-CF-011657
DIVISION:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
CIRCUIT CRIMINAL DIVISION

OCT 09 2020

SPRING Term, 2020

STATE OF FLORIDA

V

TIMOTHY CRANE

DIRECT
INFORMATION FOR:

COUNT ONE
CHILD ABUSE
F.S. 827.03(1)(b) AND (2)(c)

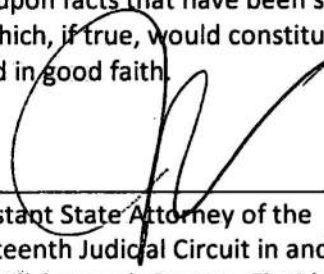
IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, ANDREW H. WARREN, STATE ATTORNEY OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH, CHARGES THAT:

COUNT ONE

TIMOTHY CRANE, from the 1st day of December, 2019, to the 1st day of May, 2020, inclusive in the County of Hillsborough and State of Florida, did knowingly or willfully abuse [REDACTED] a child under the age of eighteen years, by squeezing and bending back his arms and legs or repeatedly spanking him or throwing the victim into the door. Contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Assistant State Attorney of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Hillsborough County, Florida, who, being first duly sworn, says that this prosecution is set forth in the foregoing INFORMATION are based upon facts that have been sworn to as true by the material witness or witnesses for the offense and which, if true, would constitute the offense therein charged, and that the prosecution is being instituted in good faith.

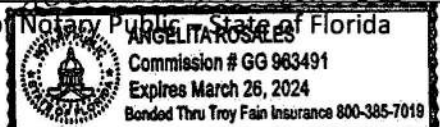

Assistant State Attorney of the
Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in and
For Hillsborough County, Florida

Florida Bar #

14597

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Tampa, Florida

This 9th day of October, 2020


Signature of Notary Public, State of Florida


Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary
And Date Commission Expires

Personally Known ☒ or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced _____

October 09, 2020

JENNIFER P JOHNSON/sm

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Parent

2020030780/ TIMOTHY CRANE Open

Includes: N/A

Consolidate: N/A

ISSUE CAPIAS

DEFENDANT: CRANE, TIMOTHY
DOB: 11/19/1987
RACE: White
GENDER: Male
SSN: N/A
DL#: C650815874190-FL
HAIR: N/A
EYES: N/A
ADDRESS: 1268 BISHOP RD, SPRING HILL FL 34608

Agency: Tampa Police Department 2020-00900743

COUNT ONE

CHILD ABUSE

F.S. 827.03(1)(b) AND (2)(c)

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**Notice to Clerk of Factors Relating to Division Assignment
in accordance with Circuit Criminal Administrative Order**

Date: October 09, 2020

To: Clerk of Court

From: SAO Personnel

Defendant's Name: TIMOTHY CRANE

Case Number:

Division Proposed by Clerk: C

Presumed Division per SAO Research: C

☒ Case should be assigned to the Proposed Division that has already been assigned by the Clerk because none of the following exceptions apply.

-----EXCEPTIONS-----

In accordance with the current administrative order governing assignment of cases in the Circuit Criminal Division, please assign a division based on the following exceptions to the proposed division case assignment:

_____ Case meets the Drug Court criteria and therefore should be assigned to Division "Y."

_____ Case meets the Veterans Court criteria and therefore should be assigned to Division "V."

_____ Defendant has multiple proposed divisions. Earliest assigned proposed division is _____.

_____ Defendant has Pending Case with lowest pending case #: _____; Division _____.

_____ Co-Defendant has multiple proposed divisions. Earliest assigned proposed division is _____.

_____ Co-Defendant has Pending Case with lowest pending case #: _____; Division _____.

_____ Case is re-filed after SAO dismissed it. Original case assigned to Division _____.

Associated Cases: _____

2020-030780/

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CRA #: TP20010808

☒ Fel ☐ Misd ☐ (APAD) Adult Pre-Arrest Div ☐ Traffic ☐ Tampa Ord ☐ Juv Delinq ☐ JAAP Booking #:

 Arrest Type: ☐ PC ☐ Warrant ☐ PC VOP/VOCC Request: ☐ Warrant ☒ SAO Review Direct File ☐ JUV Pick-Up Order

Court Case # Family # SOID #

 Agency: ☐ HCSO ☒ TPD ☐ PCPD ☐ TTPD ☐ FHP Report # 20-900743 Report Written ☒ Yes ☐ No

Offense Location: Offense Date: 04/25/2020 Offense Time: 2100

Arrest Location: Arrest Date: Arrest Time:

 Defendant: Last Name First Name Middle Name ☐ Gang Name:

Race Gender DOB DL# State POB (City, State)

Address Street: 1268 BISHOP ROAD City: SPRING HILL State: FLORIDA Zip: 34608

School (JUV) Parent/Guardian (JUV)

No Co-defendants Found

Statute	Level	Degree	Charge	Count	Citation #	DV
827.03(2)(C)	Fel	T	CHILD ABUSE (CHAB1602)	1		☐
827.03(2)(C)	Fel	T	CHILD ABUSE (CHAB1602)	1		☐

The undersigned swears there are reasonable grounds to believe that the above named defendant in Hillsborough County, Florida, did:
 On 07-12-2020 at 2315 hours, Officer Carl Conyers with the Clearwater Police Department was dispatched to [REDACTED] to investigate two child abuse that occurred at [REDACTED] on 04-25-2020 and 12-23-2019. [REDACTED] (Victim's), [REDACTED] (Complainant) received information from Timothy Crane's (Defendant) [REDACTED] (Witness 1) that the defendant had abused the victim on 04-25-2020 and 12-23-2019.

On 07-14-2020, I was assigned this case for follow-up and review. I met with the complainant and conducted an interview. During the interview, the complainant provided me a photo of the victim's buttocks from December 2019 and April 2020. On the photo dated 12-23-2019, I observed the victim with redness and a cluster of bumps on his right butt cheek. On the photos taken 04-27-2020, I observed bruising on both of the victim butt cheeks.

The complainant advised that in December 2019 the victim had returned home from a weekend visit [REDACTED]. The complainant stated that the defendant told her that he was holding [REDACTED] and that he slipped and fell out of his arms as they were leaving Walmart. However, in a text messages between the defendant and the complainant, the defendant admitted to spanking the child for disciplinary purposes. The complainant wasn't aware what had occurred until July 2020 when Witness 1 told her what really happened.

In relation to the photos taken on 04-27-2020, after a weekend stay with the defendant, the complainant advised that she received a text message from the defendant advising her that the victim had missed a step while walking down the steps, which cause his butt to skid down a step. The complainant advised that she never thought the defendant would abuse [REDACTED].

I conducted an interview with [REDACTED] (Witness 1). Witness 1 stated that on 04-25-2020, she observed the defendant spank the victim with his hand(s) on two occasions that evening. When questioned about why the child was spanked, Witness 1 stated that after victim refused to assist [REDACTED] (Witness 2) and [REDACTED] (Witness 3) with cleaning up, she told the defendant that he was not listening to her. Witness 1 stated that the defendant repeatedly asked the victim to clean up and he refused. After refusing to clean up, Witness 1 stated that the defendant hit the victim on his buttocks with an open hand.

Witness 1 stated that the victim continued to ignore the defendant, which frustrated the defendant. Witness 1 advised that

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things escalated and the defendant hit victim harder. Witness 1 advised that when the victim refused to do what the defendant asked, he started screaming in the victim's ear as loud as he would as a suspect. Witness 1 stated that the defendant kicked a toy, which hit the victim. Witness 1 stated that the victim continued to cry and the defendant kept yelling at him and shoved him to the floor aggressively.

Witness 1 stated that the defendant started throwing the victim up in the air, but catching him, as he continued to scream and cry. Witness 1 stated that the defendant kept asking [REDACTED] "Are you stupid? Are you stupid?" as he was throwing him in the air. Witness 1 stated that as she was watching it, she felt like it was wrong and questioned if he was crossing the line making her uncomfortable.

Witness 1 stated that the defendant took the victim into their bedroom and she heard him calling the victim "stupid". Witness 1 stated that she heard the defendant punch the door next to the victim's head and victim became exhausted. Witness 1 advised that the victim tried to cuddle with the defendant and he refused to let him as the defendant would not pick up the toys.

Witness 1 stated that the victim was laying down on the floor crying and screaming. Witness 1 advised that the defendant screamed at victim and told him that he would take a baseball bat and hit him in the back of the head, so that he didn't have to hear him cry anymore. Witness 1 stated she was so uncomfortable and that the defendant kept spanking the victim until he finally picked up a toy. Witness 1 advised that this incident went on for about twenty minutes before it deescalated.

Witness 1 stated that on this same evening, the victim was spanked again after she told the defendant that he (victim) would not tell her goodnight while putting him and the other witness to bed. Witness 1 stated that the defendant went back up stairs, pulled victim out of bed and asked him to tell her (Witness 1) goodnight. Witness 1 advised the victim was completely asleep and would not wake up to tell her goodnight. Witness 1 stated that the defendant spanked the victim again. Witness 1 stated that she said, "Come on, stop it" as [REDACTED] would not tell her goodnight.

Witness 1 advised that the defendant took the victim into the restroom, placed him on the counter and was screaming at him to tell her goodnight. Witness 1 stated that the victim's eyes were still closed. Witness 1 stated that the defendant started beating on the counter next to the victim trying to get him to open his eyes. Witness 1 stated the victim ended up on the ground and the defendant continued to beat on the cabinet doors real loud to get the victim's attention. Witness 1 stated that she was saying "Come on [REDACTED] Stop it." as he would not tell her goodnight.

Witness 1 stated that the defendant picked the victim up and slammed him into the door while screaming at him. Witness 1 advised that she told the defendant that they were good and the defendant held the victim up in the air with one hand and started spanking him harder and harder. Witness 1 stated the defendant hit the victim on his butt at least 20 times that evening. Witness 1 advised that the defendant was hitting the victim with full force and that it was like he was "hitting an adult." witness 1 acknowledged that the defendant stopped when the victim finally said goodnight to her.

Witness 1 acknowledged that the injuries the victim received on April 25 were as a result of him being hit over twenty times by the defendant. Witness 1 further advised that on the date the victim was set to return to his mother, the defendant panicked when he saw the bruises on the victim and asked her what should he say to the complainant. Witness 1 admitted that she called her sister and asked her if there was something she could come up with to tell the complainant and admitted to her sister that the marks were pretty bad.

Following my interview with Witness 1, I conducted an interview with [REDACTED] (Witness 2). Witness 2 stated that she observed the defendant hit the victim on his butt and when asked how many times he was hit, Witness 2 stated, "A Bagillion." Witness 2 admitted that she was shaking and that she didn't know if she was going to get spanked. When asked of the reason the victim was being spanked, Witness 2 advised that the reason he was spanked was because her mother (Witness 1) kept asking [REDACTED] to clean up; however, he kept ignoring her. Witness 2 stated that her mother called the defendant and that he was mad at him (victim). Witness 2 stated that Deputy Crane was mad at the victim because he was being disrespectful by not listening to her mother (Witness 1).

I asked Witness 2 if the victim was spanked any other time and she advised that she didn't see it, but she did hear the defendant spanking the victim when she woke up to use the restroom.

Next, I conducted an interview with [REDACTED] (Witness 3). Witness 3 stated that the defendant spanked the victim "26 times" and demonstrated this by hitting his buttocks with his hand. When I asked [REDACTED] of the reason the victim was spanked, he stated, "Because he was being rude." Witness 3 stated that he and Witness 2 were cleaning up and that the victim started, but made a mess again.

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I was unable to conduct an interview with the defendant as his attorney called me and advised that he would not be making a statement due to his already giving one to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office.

On 07-13-2020, Deputy Murray Foradas Mirandized Deputy Timothy Crane prior to questioning him. Deputy Crane initialed/signed a Waiver of Rights Form and gave a statement. In Deputy T. Crane's statement to Deputy Murray Foradas regarding the allegation, he stated the following:

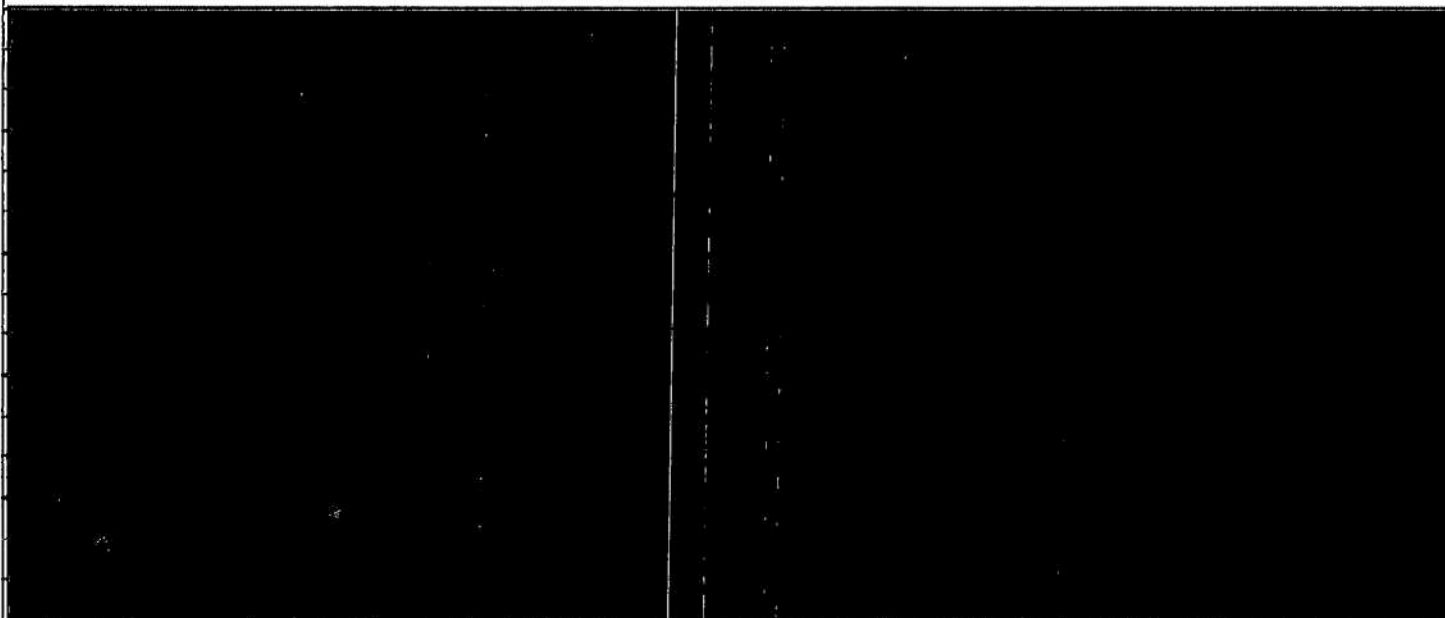
"Timothy advised that he has never threatened [REDACTED] in any way. He told me that he has never told [REDACTED] that he would hit him with a baseball bat, throw him against a wall, or in a lake. He has never used "police tactics" on him or deliberately tried to hurt [REDACTED]. According to Timothy, [REDACTED] has become more defiant since he turned [REDACTED] but he (Timothy) has not abused him in order to make him behave. Timothy said that he does spank [REDACTED] on the buttocks but will usually only spank him twice. He said that the bruising [REDACTED] had could have been from a trip and fall they both had leaving a Wal-Mart on a rainy day."

A forensic interview as conducted with the [REDACTED] victim on 07-28-2020. The victim disclosed that he was spanked by [REDACTED] and demonstrated this by hitting himself on the buttocks multiple times. The victim did not go into detail on the reason he was spanked.

Pursuant to Florida Statute §92.525 and under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing document and the facts stated in it are true to the best of my knowledge. For Notices to Appear, I also certify that a complete list of witnesses and evidence known to me is attached.

Affiant:	Officer #	DIST:	MCB	SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS DATE	Officer #
M Drayton Digitally signed on 2020.09.08 14:28:47	50618	SQD:	SQ552	Detective T Myers Digitally signed on 2020.09.08 15:29:19	49340

Judgment requested against defendant for agency investigative cost per Florida Statute 938.27: \$130.00



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