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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR PIERCE COUNTY

STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Plaintiff,

CAUSE NO. 14-1-00505-1

vs.

MEREDITH CLAIRE POWELL,

DECLARATION FOR DETERMINATION OF
PROBABLE CAUSE

Defendant.

HEATHER DEMAINE, declares under penalty of perjury:

That I am a deputy prosecuting attorney for Pierce County and I am familiar with the police report and/or investigation conducted by the TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, incident number 140360274;

That the police report and/or investigation provided me the following information;

That in Pierce County, Washington, the defendant, MEREDITH CLAIRE POWELL, committed the following crimes:

On or about January 17, 2014, she committed Child Rape in the Third Degree against [REDACTED] (DOB [REDACTED]98); and

During the period between January 17 and 30, 2014, she committed Child Rape in the Third Degree against [REDACTED] (DOB [REDACTED]98); and

During the period between January 17 and 28, 2014, she committed Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes via electronic communication against [REDACTED] (DOB [REDACTED]96).

On February 4, 2014, the Tacoma School District contacted police and advised of inappropriate contact between the defendant and a student (later identified as [REDACTED]). Police learned the defendant wrote a letter to [REDACTED]'s girlfriend apologizing for "promiscuous" and "unprofessional" comments and texts sent to [REDACTED]. The defendant was placed on administrative leave.

Police contacted the defendant at home and advised of her Miranda rights which she waived. She stated the following: [REDACTED] was her student from the prior year. He came to her classroom for math help and to talk about life issues. The defendant admitted she gave her cell number to [REDACTED] and other students including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The defendant exchanged texts with [REDACTED] outside of school hours. On January 24 or 25, the defendant was drunk and [REDACTED] sent her a text saying he was getting turned on thinking about her. His text was unexpected and she responded he was hot too. The defendant said she apologized the next morning. [REDACTED] sent her a text saying she was hot, and she asked him if he was serious. [REDACTED] then said he had a girlfriend. The defendant admitted she allowed herself to feel too comfortable with a student. She wrote [REDACTED]'s girlfriend a letter on February 3, 2014, in attempt to explain what happened.

The defendant admitted she sent similar texts to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the same night she was drunk. She deleted the messages which were "something inappropriate- I don't know what". She admitted she kissed

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1 ■■■ the day of the MLK Day assembly (police learned the assembly was on January 17). ■■■ felt her
 2 bare breast, but she denied she touched his penis. The defendant claimed ■■■. kissed her, but she tried to
 push him away as ■■■ was aggressive about it. The defendant said this happened the prior Thursday
 (January 30) when he came into her classroom.

3 On February 6, 2014, detective interviewed the victims. ■■■ disclosed the following: The day of the
 4 MLK assembly, ■■■ went to the defendant's classroom. They kissed, he touched her breasts, and she
 touched his chest under his shirt. ■■■ then digitally penetrated her vagina. On the day of the assembly,
 5 ■■■ sent her a text asking if she wanted to stay behind and she agreed to.

6 During his interview, ■■■. disclosed the following: The defendant is his teacher. They sent texts to each
 other and she sent him pictures of her naked in a bathtub. ■■■ and the defendant kissed a few days after
 the MLK Day assembly when he went to her classroom and the door was locked. The defendant kissed
 7 ■■■. and he touched her buttocks and breasts. The defendant touched ■■■'s chest under his shirt and
 performed oral sex on him. ■■■ digitally penetrated the defendant.

8 During his interview, ■■■ disclosed the following: He was in the defendant's math class and they
 9 exchanged sexualized texts. He decided to tell his girlfriend about the texts as she felt "something fishy"
 was going on because he was going to the defendant's class almost every day. ■■■ wanted to be honest
 with her. He sensed the defendant wanted to have sex with him per the texts. He thought that if he went
 10 to her house when she wanted him to, "it might have happened." The defendant texted him her address.

11 Detectives re-contacted the defendant and advised of her Miranda rights which she waived. She admitted
 the following: She performed oral sex on ■■■. and her classroom door was possibly locked. He put his
 12 mouth on her breast and digitally penetrated her vagina. She told him to stop. She sent him a snapchat
 pictures. She thought they were of her in the bathtub and one of her in bed in the dark. The defendant
 13 admitted ■■■ put his mouth on her breast and digitally penetrated her vagina. They began texting after
 New Year's Eve and it became inappropriate. She touched ■■■'s penis over his clothes and he put his
 14 finger into her vagina. She knew her actions were wrong as both ■■■. and ■■■. When asked what she
 would say to the students' parents, she said she would apologize.

15 I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF
 16 WASHINGTON THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

17 DATED: February 7, 2014
 PLACE: TACOMA, WA

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 19 /s/ HEATHER DEMAINE
 HEATHER DEMAINE, WSB# 28216