

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE ST. JOSEPH SUPERIOR COURT
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 v.) CAUSE NO. 71D__ - ____ -F5-_____
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 VERNADO MALONE)

D.O.B. 05-31-1972

SSN: [REDACTED]

Detective Stephanie Northcutt, affirming under the penalties for perjury, states that:

I am a Detective with the South Bend Police Department Major Crimes Unit and am in my 9th year of service as a Law Enforcement Officer in the State of Indiana. I make this affidavit based upon my review of on-scene footage, a Police Report, and multiple interviews.

On 7/24/24 at approximately 1525 hours, A [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] and E [REDACTED] T [REDACTED] came to the South Bend Police Department to file a police report. On 7/23/24 A [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] was at Memorial Hospital when she came into contact with Vernado Malone who posed as a "consultant" for a company "United As One." R [REDACTED] was seeking supplies for her infant daughter (A.S. 0YOA) who was born on 7/8/24. During this time, A [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] was also speaking with E [REDACTED] T [REDACTED] who had offered R [REDACTED] various items she had at home as well as getting her assistance from her church. Malone also introduced himself to T [REDACTED] as a social worker and had R [REDACTED] complete "intake" paperwork for services for "domestic violence."

While at Memorial Hospital a plan was agreed upon for Malone to take R [REDACTED] to a local Wal-Mart and then to a women's shelter (YWCA) where R [REDACTED] had been accepted and was staying as of 7/19/24. Malone explained to R [REDACTED] that he could get her into housing in approximately two months.

After getting a few supplies, Malone unexpectedly took R [REDACTED] and her newborn daughter (A.S. 0YOA) to Hammond, Indiana and told R [REDACTED] she could move into the residence immediately. It was determined this was a residence Malone was staying at. Malone made sexually explicit comments towards R [REDACTED] which left her in fear. She took her daughter for a walk stating she was fussy. Once away from Malone she contacted the Hammond Police Department.

She was then transported by Police to a local hotel where arrangements were made to pick her and her newborn daughter up. R [REDACTED] took a train back to South Bend, Indiana where T [REDACTED] was able to assist her further and took her to the police department.

Due to the above information, I respectfully request the charges of two (2) counts of Kidnapping a level 5 Felony.

All of the foregoing took place in St. Joseph County, Indiana.

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representations are true.



DETECTIVE STEPHANIE NORTHCUTT
MAJOR CRIMES UNIT
SOUTH BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT

DETENTION CONSIDERATIONS

The State of Indiana has no additional information as to the Defendant's current risk of flight from the jurisdiction or the risk Defendant poses to the community, save for the information contained above. As a condition of bond the State requests that Defendant have no contact with the named victims in this matter.

/s/Coleman Beckley
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney