

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

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STATE OF MISSOURI

COUNTY OF BENTON

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

CASE #: 250208725

OCN: PP002579

DATE: April 18, 2025

I, Larry Nelson, knowing false statements on this form are punishable by law, state the facts contained herein are true.

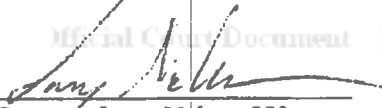
I have probable cause to believe Richard "Rick" L. Renno, date of birth August 7, 1962, on or about the date listed below, in Benton County, Missouri, committed the offenses listed below:

On August 24, 2024: 566.083-002Y20203699.1 Sexual Misconduct of a Child Under 15 - 1st Offense

On August 24, 2024: 566.151-001Y20206499.1 Enticement of a Child

State the facts that support a finding of probable cause to believe crime(s) was/were committed and state the accused committed the crimes:

1. On April 24, 2025, I was assigned an investigation of allegations that Richard "Rick" L. Renno, committed the offence of Enticing a Child for sex. This was reported to me on August 26, 2024, at the Missouri State Highway Patrol Benton County Zone Office. During the investigation we have probable cause that Renno, used a Grindr online social media application to access a child that was 14 years-old for the purpose of having sex in Benton County, Missouri. I interviewed witnesses who provided me information and a screenshot of Renno's face and nude photograph that was sent from his Grindr account for the purpose of having a sexual encounter.
2. A nude photograph sent to a minor using the Grindr app was positively identified by a family member to have been taken at Renno's current residence at 16704 State Highway C, Lincoln, Missouri, in Benton County. The family member told me that he would use his electronic devices, computers and cellular devices to solicit sex online from young men.
3. On June 9, 2025, at approximately 0635 hours, I interviewed Renno, and he told me he had a Grindr account for approximately ten years. Renno said he had conversations online or on the Grindr app with minors under the age of eighteen two or three times. Renno said he recognized his profile picture that was sent to the 14-year-old, and he told me he had sent the nude photo to people.


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