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IN THE THIRD DISTRICT COURT, SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SALT LAKE, STATE OF UTAH

THE STATE OF UTAH

Plaintiff,

vs.

ARMANDO FLORES
DOB: 03/08/1955
6533 W Thistle Ridge Cove
West Jordan, UT 84081
SO#: 341994
SID#/BCI#: 619042

Defendant.

Screened by: MARC MATHIS
Assigned to: TO BE ASSIGNED

INFORMATION

DAO # 24.020523

BAIL: NO BAIL WARRANT

WARRANT/RELEASE: NOT BOOKED

Case No. **251902115**

The undersigned Detective JOURDEN DEWITT - West Valley City Police Department, Agency Case No. WV24-15826, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, ARMANDO FLORES, committed the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1

RAPE, 76-5-402(3), a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about January 10, 2002 through December 31, 2002 in Salt Lake County, the defendant did have sexual intercourse with another person without the victim's consent.

COUNT 2

RAPE, 76-5-402(3), a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about January 10, 2002 in Salt Lake County, the defendant did have sexual intercourse with another person without the victim's consent.

COUNT 3

OBJECT RAPE, 76-5-402.2, a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about January 10, 2002 through December 31, 2002 in Salt Lake County, the defendant did, without the victim's consent, cause the penetration, however slight, of the genital or anal opening of another person who is 14 years of age or older, by any foreign object, substance, instrument, or device, including a part of the human body other than the mouth or genitals, with intent to cause substantial emotional or bodily pain to the victim or with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person.

THIS INFORMATION IS BASED ON EVIDENCE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES:

JOURDEN DEWITT and R.M.

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your Declarant bases the Information upon the following:

The statement of R.M. that between January 10, 2002, and December 31, 2004, when she was approximately 14 years old, she was sexually assaulted by ARMANDO FLORES in Salt Lake County. R.M. stated that she and her family had recently joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and moved to Utah. FLORES was the local church president and was quite prevalent in R.M.'s life. While teaching R.M. to drive, FLORES told R.M. that she had pretty legs and discussed sexual acts between him and his wife. On one occasion, FLORES arrived to pick up R.M. to take him to his residence and he had a bottle of in a paper bag. FLORES told R.M. that it was wine and asked R.M. to drink it with him. R.M. recalled her legs feeling tingly and told FLORES she couldn't walk. R.M. remembers lying in her bed with FLORES on top of her and falling asleep. R.M. awoke to find herself completely naked and when she used the restroom, she observed blood on the toilet paper. On a later date, while at FLORES's residence for dinner, R.M. confronted FLORES telling him she knew what he did to her and that she was going to tell her mom. FLORES reminded R.M. of everything he had done for her family and that they needed him, so R.M. decided not to tell her mother. FLORES continued teaching R.M. how to drive and on one occasion R.M. was wearing a skirt. FLORES reached up R.M.'s skirt, moved her underwear aside, and inserted his fingers into her vagina. FLORES told R.M. she was wet, so he knew she wanted it. FLORES called a friend and asked him to tell R.M. about "the doctor", the friend refused, and FLORES called him a chicken and hung up. FLORES then told R.M. that there was a doctor who could sew her up and make her a virgin again. Later, as R.M. was walking to Seminary, FLORES grabbed her from behind in a bear hug and told her to get in his truck. FLORES drove them to a local park. FLORES showed R.M. that he had a bed in his truck and pushed R.M. onto it. FLORES began trying to remove R.M.'s pants and she fought against him. FLORES used his body weight to press against R.M.'s legs, pinned her legs down, pulled his pants down, and touched his penis against her vagina. As soon as FLORES's penis touched R.M.'s vagina, he "finished". FLORES handed R.M. a shirt to clean herself up and drove her back to school.

The statement of R.M. that she wrote FLORES a letter thanking him for the things he had done for her family, but confronted him on sexually assaulting her. R.M. states that FLORES told her that he put her letter in a box where he keeps his “naughty treasures” that he keeps hidden from his wife.

The statement of FLORES that he remembers R.M. from when he was a branch president for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. FLORES stated that he did help R.M. and her family request and receive monetary assistance from the LDS Church, and he helped R.M.’s mother find a job. During this time, FLORES stated that he did help R.M. learn how to drive. FLORES also stated that he had a conversation with R.M. about the fact that she was no longer a virgin. FLORES admitted that R.M. wrote him a letter.

MOTION FOR PRETRIAL DETENTION:

Pursuant to Utah Code 77-20-201(1) the State requests that the defendant be held without bail until further notice in this matter on the following grounds:

The defendant is charged with felonies. Based upon the above probable cause statement, there is substantial evidence supporting the charges and clear and convincing evidence that the defendant would constitute a substantial danger to any other individual or to the community or is likely to flee the jurisdiction of the court if released on bail. The Defendant is presently charged with 2 counts of Rape, a First-Degree Felony, and Object Rape, a First-Degree Felony.

These charges stem from the statement of R.M. The Defendant was a high member of the branch of church in which R.M. belonged. When R.M. was approximately 14 years old, the Defendant was a prominent figure in her life. The Defendant came to R.M.’s residence on one occasion bringing a bottle wrapped in brown paper and telling R.M. it was wine. The Defendant asked R.M. to partake with him and R.M. quickly felt her legs tingling and she was unable to walk. The next thing R.M. recalled was being in bed with the Defendant over her. R.M. awoke to find herself naked. When R.M. used the toilet, she observed blood on the toilet paper. R.M. confronted the Defendant and he reminded her how much he was helping her family. While teaching R.M. how to drive, the Defendant reached up her skirt, moved her underwear to the side, and inserted his fingers into her vagina. On a later date, the Defendant picked R.M. up from school, drove them to a local park, pinned R.M. down and placed his penis to her vagina. As his penis touched her vagina, he “finished”. The Defendant then handed R.M. a shirt to clean herself and then drove her back to school.

It should be noted that the Defendant was convicted of Sexual Battery in Third District Court case 101908899 in February 2012 involving a 17-year-old who also belonged to his church. Due to the serious nature of the allegations and to keep the victim safe, the State requests the Defendant be held without bail.

Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 78B-18a-106 (2018) I declare under criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my belief and knowledge.

Executed on: 19th day of February, 2025

/s/ JOURDEN DEWITT
Declarant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of February, 2025

Authorized for presentment and filing:

SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ Marc Mathis
Deputy District Attorney
19th day of February, 2025
MM / JZ / DAO # 24.020523

OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT

Court	Court Case #	Trial Judge	DAO #	Charge
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