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

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THE STATE OF UTAH

Plaintiff,

vs.

**MARK LEHNHOF STEVENS**  
**DOB: 05/15/1956**  
**620 Quail Rodge Dr**  
**Washington, UT 84780**  
**OTN#:**  
**SO#: NONE**  
**SID#/BCI#:**  
**Booking#:**

Defendant.

Screened by: HEATHER LINDSAY  
Assigned to: TO BE ASSIGNED

**INFORMATION**

DAO # 25.001307

BAIL: NO BAIL WARRANT

WARRANT/RELEASE: NOT BOOKED

Case No.

The undersigned Detective MICHAEL WATKINS - West Jordan Police Department, Agency Case No. WJ24-43436, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, MARK LEHNHOF STEVENS, committed the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1

FORCIBLE SODOMY, 76-5-403(2), a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 23, 2006 through May 22, 2007 in Salt Lake County, the defendant did engage in any sexual act with a person 14 years of age or older, and without that person's consent, involving the genitals of one person and the mouth or anus of another person, however slight the touch.

COUNT 2

FORCIBLE SEXUAL ABUSE, 76-5-404, a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 23, 2006 through May 22, 2007 in Salt Lake County, the defendant did on a victim 14 years of age or older, touch the anus, buttocks, or any part of the genitals of another, or touched the breasts of a female,

or otherwise took indecent liberties with the actor or another, with intent to cause substantial emotional or bodily pain to any person or with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desires of any person, without the consent of the other, regardless of the sex of any participant.

### COUNT 3

FORCIBLE SEXUAL ABUSE, 76-5-404, a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 23, 2006 through May 22, 2007 in Salt Lake County, the defendant did, when the victim was 14 years of age or older and, under circumstances not amounting to rape, object rape, forcible sodomy, or attempted rape or forcible sodomy, the actor touches the anus, buttocks, pubic area, or any part of the genitals of another, or touches the breast of a female, or otherwise takes indecent liberties with another, with intent to cause substantial emotional or bodily pain to any individual or with the intent to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any individual, without the consent of the other, regardless of the sex of any participant.

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

Nicole Miller, Michael Watkins, K.B. and L.B.

### DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your affiant bases probable cause on information and evidence collected by the West Jordan Police Department, Case No. WJ24-43436, and the following:

The statement of L.B. that between May 23, 2006, and May 22, 2007, when she was approximately 16 years old, she was sexually assaulted by her bishop, MARK LEHNHOF STEVENS, in Salt Lake County. L.B. met with STEVENS to discuss her leadership role within the church. L.B. entered STEVENS's office and sat down. STEVENS began asking L.B. about sex and her personal chastity, specifically asking "Are you staying pure? Are you chaste?". STEVENS told L.B. that as part of her marriage covenant, she would be expected to keep her husband sexually satisfied and if her husband had issues with sexual sin or pornography, God would hold her accountable for failing her duties as a wife. STEVENS then walked over and sat next to L.B., placed his hand on her left shoulder, and then moved his hand down and traced her left breast. STEVENS continued moving his hand down over L.B.'s stomach, to her thigh, and then used his fingers to touch L.B.'s vagina, tracing her labia. STEVENS stood up facing L.B. and just looked at her, tilting his head from side to side. STEVENS then told L.B. to trust him, flipped his tie over his shoulder, and unzipped his pants, exposing his penis. STEVENS dragged his penis across L.B.'s face, brushing it against her lips, until his penis was erect. STEVENS then pushed his penis inside of L.B.'s mouth, moving it in and out, until he ejaculated in her mouth. L.B. tried to push STEVENS away but was unable. STEVENS laughed and told L.B. "You're just so innocent, aren't you?". STEVENS re-iterated that as her bishop God had told him he needed to teach her how to keep her husband satisfied so that she was not responsible for his sexual sin in the future. STEVENS told L.B. that he wanted to meet with her weekly to teach her.

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF A NO BAIL WARRANT:

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 Forcible Sodomy, a First-Degree Felony, and 2 counts of Forcible Sexual Abuse, a Second-Degree Felony. These charges stem from the statement of L.B. When L.B. was approximately 16 years old, the Defendant was her church bishop. While meeting in the Defendant's office, the Defendant told L.B. he needed to teach her how to satisfy her future husband and then traced his finger across her breast. The Defendant then moved his hand down and touched L.B.'s labia. The Defendant flipped his tie over his shoulder, undid his pants, and exposed his penis. The Defendant dragged his penis across L.B.'s face, brushing it against her lips, until he was erect. The Defendant then forced his penis into L.B.'s mouth moving in and out until he ejaculated. The Defendant told L.B. he wanted to meet with her weekly to teach her how to satisfy her future husband, so he wouldn't sexually sin. 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: 3rd day of February, 2025

/s/ MICHAEL WATKINS  
Declarant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of February, 2025

Authorized for presentment and filing

SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ Heather Lindsay  
Deputy District Attorney  
3rd day of February, 2025  
HL / NH / DAO # 25.001307

**OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT**

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