



Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office

Date: 07/27/2023

Update from 07/25/2023 press briefing regarding Joel Martens

On 07/27/2023, an amended Affidavit in Support of an Arrest Warrant was submitted to the Minnehaha County State's Attorney's Office for Joel Christian Woo Martens. An amended Complaint was created by the Minnehaha County State's Attorney's Office and it was submitted to the Minnehaha County Court. Martens is now charged with the following:

- 7- Counts of Sexual Contact with Child Under 18- Position of Authority (SDCL: 22-22-7.8 Class 6 Felony)
- 1- Count of Possession of Child Pornography (SDCL: 22-24a-3(2) Class 4 Felony)
- 1- Count of Possession of Child Pornography (SDCL:22-24a-3(3) Class 4 Felony)
- 1- Count of Sexual exploitation of a minor (SDCL: 22-22-24.3 Class 6 Felony)

The investigation is ongoing and the amended Affidavit in Support of an Arrest Warrant reflects new information from the investigation and removes 1- Count Rape 4th Degree (F3) from the original Complaint.

The original Affidavit in Support of an Arrest Warrant reflected an incorrect date written in the initial Sheriff's Office report indicating the victim was 15 years of age during the first sexual contact. The amended Affidavit in Support of an Arrest Warrant corrects the error making the victim 16 years of age during the first sexual contact.

Please respect the victim's privacy in this matter.

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