

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA

Melbourne Police Department Case No. 2024-00158215

VS.

FOSTER GODBOLD III

Court Case No.

**AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT**

State of Florida  
County of Brevard

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Law Enforcement Officer, Lt. John Chapman, #392, of the Melbourne Police Department in and for Brevard County Florida, submitted via a secure electronic file transfer system your Affiant, Detective Thomas Cahalan, #359, a member of the Melbourne Police Department, who being duly sworn deposes and says: Affiant has reason to believe and does believe that probable cause exists for the arrest of FOSTER GODBOLD III, DOB 02/12/1996, Black male, 6'01", 200lbs, SS# [REDACTED], 699 Harrington Street, Palm Bay, Florida 32908, for a violation of the laws of the State of Florida, to wit: 5 counts of Sexually Battery by a Person in Custodial Authority, contrary to section 794.011(8)(b), and 5 counts of Lewd or Lascivious Exhibition, contrary to section 800.04(7)(b), Florida statutes, which occurred at Circles of Care, 400 E. Sheridan Road, Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida.

THE FACTS tending to establish the grounds for this application and the probable cause of Affiant believing that such facts exist are as follows:

On November 7, 2024, I, Detective Tom Cahalan #359, was assigned to investigate a sexual abuse case reported to the Melbourne Police Department by the victim, A.L. A.L., herein referred to as the victim, alleged that he was the victim of repeated sexual abuse by the defendant, Foster Godbold, a former mental health technician employed at Circles of Care (COC), located at 400 E. Sheridan Rd., Melbourne, Florida. The alleged sexual abuse occurred during multiple involuntary Baker Act admissions between 2016 and 2018, when the victim was a juvenile patient at the facility.

**VICTIM'S SWORN RECORDED STATEMENT:**

In a sworn video and audio-recorded interview that I conducted at the Melbourne Police Department, the victim provided specific details about the incidents of sexual abuse and gave context regarding his interactions with the defendant. He also reaffirmed a timeline and positively identified the defendant through a Florida driver's license photo.

The victim reported that the first incident of sexual abuse began in 2017 when he was [REDACTED] and was admitted to COC for psychiatric evaluation under the provisions of the Florida Mental Health Act (Baker Act). He recalled during at least four subsequent Baker Act stays at COC between 2017 and 2018, the defendant, who was an adult COC staff member assigned to the inpatient unit at the time, would discreetly enter his private room while on-duty and perform oral sex on him and masturbate in his presence. The victim said these incidents occurred repeatedly during each of his involuntary stays at COC, 400 E. Sheridan Rd. Melbourne, and would happen multiple times during each admission.

According to the victim, he met the defendant during his first stay at COC under an involuntary Baker Act admission in 2016. The victim said he believed he was [REDACTED] at the time, and the defendant began "grooming" him by gaining his trust and manipulating him into questioning his own sexual identity. On a subsequent stay for a Baker Act in 2017, the first incident of sexual abuse occurred. He alleged the defendant entered his private patient room and performed oral sex on him until he climaxed. The defendant then masturbated his erect penis in front of the victim and ejaculated onto the floor. The victim said the defendant was aware of camera locations within the COC facility and described how he would stick his foot outside the door to avoid detection while engaging in these sex acts.

The victim recalled during at least four later admissions at COC when he was [REDACTED] additional incidents of sexual abuse occurred on multiple occasions. On every subsequent stay while the victim was placed in the facility under a Baker Act, the defendant would repeatedly sneak into his room and perform oral sex and masturbate in front of him. This abuse would often occur multiple times in one day. The victim was unable to recall the exact dates of each incident from memory but asserted that the defendant engaged in sexual acts with him every single time he was admitted as a patient from ages [REDACTED]. The victim did not disclose the abuse at the time due to confusion, shame, and concerns regarding his own sexual identity.

The victim also referenced an encounter at age [REDACTED] when he contacted the defendant with the intent to confront him about the abuse. The defendant reportedly persuaded him into coming to his residence in Palm Bay, Florida, under the pretense of discussing the events. The victim ended up spending the night at the defendant's home, clarifying that no sexual activity occurred that evening. The victim ceased all contact with the defendant and had not communicated with him since that time.

Now [REDACTED] the victim stated he chose to report the sexual abuse out of concern for other potential victims and an understanding that the defendant's behavior was unlawful.

#### **VICTIM'S COC ADMISSION RECORDS:**

The victim recalled being subjected to repeated sexual abuse during at least five instances in which he was admitted into COC under a Baker Act. Although he was unable to recall the specific dates of each admission, he stated each stay lasted a minimum of 72 hours, consistent with the standard duration for a mental health evaluation. Through historical law enforcement records, I was able to identify each date on which the victim was in custody at COC under the provisions of a Baker Act. The identified admission dates are as follows:

- 1) January 22, 2016 (Titusville PD case #2016-4484)
- 2) March 27, 2017 (Titusville PD case #2017-15495)
- 3) November 18, 2017 (BCSO case #2017-401964)
- 4) December 4, 2017 (BCSO case #2017-422655)
- 5) March 9, 2018 (BCSO case #2018-84131)
- 6) March 22, 2018 (BCSO case #2018-100878)

In a follow-up interview with the victim, he confirmed the above dates were consistent with his recollection and reaffirmed that the defendant had sexually abused him multiple times on each of those 72 hours stays, excluding his first visit on January 22, 2016. Based on his memory and pattern of abuse, he estimated the defendant had performed oral sex on him and masturbated in front of him at COC at least 10 different times. Before concluding the interview, the victim expressed his willingness and desire to pursue criminal charges against the defendant and stated he would fully cooperate with the investigation and prosecution.

#### **RECORDED FACETIME CALL (CORROBORATION & ADMISSIONS):**

As part of the ongoing investigation, I facilitated a controlled audio and video recorded Facetime call between the victim and the defendant. The purpose of the recorded communication was to gather potential corroboration and admissions made by the defendant in connection with the alleged sexual abuse. At my direction and with the victim's consent and cooperation, the victim initiated a video and audio-recorded Facetime conversation with the defendant. The defendant was both audibly and visually identifiable on the recording.

Throughout the conversation, the defendant made several unsolicited and incriminating statements including:

- Prior employment status as a COC staff member, confirming custodial authority over the victim.
- Knowing the victim during his time at COC.
- Entering the victim's private room during multiple admissions.
- Confirmation of repeated oral sex and sex acts during every admission.
- Acknowledgment of the victim's age at the time [REDACTED]
- Knowledge of facility camera locations and foot placement to avoid detection.
- Remorse for his actions and expressed concern about potential consequences.
- Discussion of other sexual abuse allegations involving juvenile patients, which he denied, while re-affirming the incidents involving the victim.

- Having attempted suicide by overdose and current suicide ideations in the aftermath of being contacted by the victim.

The defendant did not dispute or deny any of the specific sexual abuse claims made by the victim during the call. At one point, he explicitly acknowledged the victim's minor status during the period of sexual abuse and admitted that he was an adult at the time and, "should not have done it." These statements serve as corroborative evidence consistent with the victim's sworn testimony and demonstrate the defendant's consciousness of guilt.

#### **EMPLOYMENT RECORDS:**

Through a subpoena issued to Circle of Care, I obtained employment records confirming the defendant, Foster Godbold, was employed as an Inpatient Mental Health Technician at COC from **July 18, 2016**, through **June 13, 2018**. These dates coincide with the victim's disclosures and COC admissions, and prove he had the ability to commit the alleged crimes.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Based on the evidence and facts outlined above, including the victim's sworn recorded statement, corroborating records of victim's Baker Act admissions, defendant's recorded admissions during controlled communication, and defendant's verified Circles of Care employment records, probable cause exists to believe that the defendant, Foster Godbold III, committed the following criminal offenses:

- 1) 5 counts of Sexually Battery by a Person in Custodial Authority, contrary to section 794.011(8)(b), Florida statutes.
- 2) 5 counts of Lewd or Lascivious Exhibition, contrary to section 800.04(7)(b), Florida statutes.

These offenses were committed against the victim when he was 13-14 years old and involuntarily committed for psychological evaluation in Circles of Care under the provisions of a Baker Act. The defendant was an adult Circles of Care staff member in a position of custodial authority over the victim at the time. The evidence establishes that the defendant engaged in repeated and unlawful sexual acts against a juvenile victim, and sufficient probable cause exists to support his arrest on the above charges.

Your Affiant, Detective Thomas Cahalan, (hereinafter referred to as Your Affiant), is certified by the State of Florida Commission of Criminal Justice Standards and Training as a Law Enforcement Officer as the result of his attendance and completion of the 2001 Brevard County Police Academy. Your Affiant has been a Certified Law Enforcement Officer for the Melbourne Police Department since March of 2002, and he began his career in the Patrol Unit. Following duties as a Patrol Officer, Your Affiant was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division as a Detective in 2008, and he has conducted numerous criminal investigations including but not limited to burglaries, robberies, sex crimes, child abuse, and homicides. Your Affiant is currently assigned as a Major Crimes Detective, who is primarily responsible for investigating homicide, child abuse, and sex crimes cases. During his tenure as a Police Officer, he has successfully completed several hundred hours of advanced schools and training that

pertain to police work and investigations. Your Affiant is a member of the SART (sexual assault response team), CART (child abduction response team), National Sex Crimes Investigator's Association, and a board director for the National Homicide Investigator's Association.

WHEREAS, your Affiant makes this affidavit and prays the issuance of an Arrest Warrant with authority to enter any premises to effect said arrest, in due form for the arrest of FOSTER GODBOLD III for the violation of the laws of the State of Florida, to wit: 5 counts of Sexually Battery by a Person in Custodial Authority, contrary to section 794.011(8)(b), and 5 counts of Lewd or Lascivious Exhibition, contrary to section 800.04(7)(b), Florida statutes.

Det. Thomas Cahalan #359  
Detective Thomas Cahalan #359  
Melbourne Police Department  
Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 23 DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 2025, BY  
Detective Tom Cahalan #359 (Affiant) WHO IS PERSONALLY KNOWN TO ME.

LT. J. Chapman  
SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, LIEUTENANT JOHN CHAPMAN #392  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA