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As a matter of a public record, I would like to request the police affidavit for the arrest of Hunter James Lovin for sexual assault of a minor.

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VALPARAISO POLICE DEPARTMENT ARREST REPORT

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VALPARAISO POLICE DEPARTMENT

CASE NUMBER 22050019

DEFENDANT

LOVIN, HUNTER JAMES

ADDENDUM OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Personally, comes your Affiant, Investigator Craig Toney of the Valparaiso Police Department, who states as a sworn Law Enforcement Officer, that the Defendant, Hunter James Lovin, did commit the offense of Sexual Battery, in violation of F.S.S. 794,011 (5) (b),

Per my investigation, physical evidence, Affidavit of Complaint, verbal admission from the Defendant, and Witness statements, the Defendant did have sexual intercourse with the Victim white she was Mentally Incapacitated due to being under the influence of intoxicants (alcoholic beverages).

On Tuesday May 17, 2022, the Defendant, a 19-year-old male, invited friends, including the Victim, to his residence to celebrate the recent promotion at work of (Witness 1). The Victim, a 19-year-old female, stated when she arrived at the Defendant's residence, he immediately handed her a beer and they began playing drinking games. The Victim stated she consumed at least 5 beers before they all entered the Defendant's pool. The Victim stated the Defendant began passing her a "quarter full handle of Fireball", which she took two large swigs from. The Victim stated she did not recall anything else that happened the remainder of the night.

The Victim stated when she wake up in the morning wearing one of the Defendant's t-shirts and her underwear, the Defendant was also in the room, and he stated it was the "best I've ever had." The Defendant also stated that he wore a condom and that he would not tell anyone about it. The Victim stated she observed a condom wrapper on the floor. The Victim stated she knew she had intercourse as her vagina was swollen and was bleeding lightly. On Friday, May 20, 2022, the Victim stated she met the Defendant at Destin Commons, near the Bass Pro Shop where she confronted the Defendant about the incident and that he was applopetic and seemed sad. The Victim brought two friends

with her who observed her confront the Defendant in the parking lot. The Victim also stated that she

and the Defendant had set a clear boundary that they would only be friends. The Victim stated that her parents and close friends "pushed" her to report the incident and that she believes "taking action about situations like this could potentially save another girl from going through this."

There were two other individuals present at the Defendant's house, one being the friend that was recently promoted and the other being the Defendant's cousin. Both individuals provided sworn statements attesting to the Victim being intoxicated. Witness 1 , stated that he observed the Victim "stumbling a lot to the point where (Defendant) was helping her walk because she had fallen onto the cooler on the back porch while getting out of the pool." Witness 1 further stated that while in the Defendant's room, the Victim attempted to stand up from the bed and fell into the TV and the dresser that the TV sat on.

Witness 2 , stated that they had all been drinking and that he observed the Victim stumble down the steps as she exited the residence and that she was "still stumbling a little" as she went upstairs for the night. Witness 2 , stated that a couple days later, the Defendant came to his house to hang out. While at Witness 2's residence, the Defendant "began to tell me how he had hooked up with (Victim) a couple nights before after we all left" and that he wouldn't be hanging out with her anymore because of how awkward it was and that Witness 2 couldn't tell anyone. Witness 2 further stated that based on his experience, the Victim was too intoxicated to be able to consent to sexual relations.

The Defendant came to the Valparaiso Police Department on June 6, 2022 where a non-custodial interview was conducted. The Defendant was advised he was not under arrest and he could leave at any time. I then asked the Defendant to tell me what happened the night of Tuesday May 17th leading the early morning hours of May 18th. The Defendant stated he had consensual sex with his friend, had asked her approximately 100 times if she was sure, and that she told him that she probably wanted it more than he did. When asked to explain how the night started, the Defendant advised he believed he needed a lawyer, at which point I ended the interview and he departed the Police Department

Based on the Victim's statements (verbal/written) of how intoxicated she was, the fact she "blacked out", and both witnesses stating they observed her consuming alcoholic beverages and that she was stumbling / needed assistance walking, the Victim was temporarily mentally incapacitated due to being intoxicated and could not consent to sexual intercourse. This offense did occur within the City of Valparaiso, County of Okatoosa, State of Florida.

