



## Warrant Service (This Agency)

OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
1250 N EGLIN PARKWAY  
SHALIMAR FL 32579

Report Date / Time <b>8/14/2024 01:34 PM</b>	Report Number <b>OCSO24ARR006965</b>	Case Number/Cad Number <b>OCSO23OFF009990 / OCSO23CAD150341</b>	Reporting Officer Name <b>ECHOLS, DANIEL A</b>
Originating Agency ORI <b>FL0460000</b>	Occur Date Time Range <b>05/02/2023 14:54:10 - 01/13/2024 00:00:00</b>	Jurisdiction <b>In Jurisdiction</b>	
OBTS Number <b>4601143186</b>	Other Number	Clearance	

### Location of Occurrence

County <b>OKALOOSA</b>	Location Type <b>RESIDENCE</b>	Location Description			
Street Number <b>1708</b>	Street <b>Valparaiso Blvd</b>	Apt/Lot/Bldg	City <b>NICEVILLE</b>	State <b>FL</b>	Zip Code <b>32579</b>

### Suspect

First Name <b>LARRY</b>	Middle Name <b>MICHAEL</b>	Last Name <b>STIDAM</b>	Suffix	Race <b>WHITE</b>	Sex <b>MALE</b>	Height <b>6'00"</b>	Weight <b>223</b>	Hair <b>BRO</b>	Eyes <b>BLU</b>
MNI # <b>OCSO24MNI006059</b>	SSN	Date of Birth <b>09/19/1972</b>	Age <b>50</b>	ID Type	State <b>FL</b>		OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth:	<b>IN UNITED STATES</b>								
Address <b>* RESIDENCE / 1708 VALPARAISO BLVD , NICEVILLE, FL 32578 /</b>									

### Charge : S

Counts <b>20</b>	Charge <b>827.071.5</b>	Bond Amount <b>\$0.00</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No Bond
Charge Degree <b>T</b>	Charge Level <b>FELONY</b>		
General Offense Code <b>COMPLETED</b>	Arrest Offense Code <b>OBSCENE MATERIAL-POSSESS</b>		
Charge Description <b>POSS CONTROL VIEW DEPICTION CHILD SEX CONDUCT</b>			
Administrative Code - Description <b>-</b>			

### Charge : S

Counts <b>1</b>	Charge <b>934.215</b>	Bond Amount <b>\$0.00</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> No Bond
Charge Degree <b>T</b>	Charge Level <b>FELONY</b>		
General Offense Code <b>COMPLETED</b>	Arrest Offense Code <b>PUBLIC ORDER CRIMES</b>		
Charge Description <b>USE 2 WAY COMM DEVICE TO FACIL FELONY</b>			

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#### Bond Set by Charges

<div> <div></div> <div>Bond Amount</div> </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No Bond</b> </div>
Bond Type(s)

#### Probable Cause

From May of 2023 through January 2024, the Defendant, Larry Stidam, violated Florida State Statutes 827.071(5) Possession of Child Pornography (x20) and 934.215 Use of a Two-way Communication Device to Commit a Felony based on the following:

During the month of May 2023, the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) in coordination with the Walton County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) began working on an Internet undercover operation to identify persons using peer-to-peer (P2P) software on the Internet to traffic in child sexual abuse material.

OCSO Investigator Michael K. Evans knows from training and experience that peer-to-peer networks are frequently used in the trading of child sexual abuse material. For purposes of this report, the term "child pornography" refers to that term as is used in F.S.S. 847.001(3) and children engaged in "sexual conduct" as it is used in F.S.S. 827.071(1) (g).

At the beginning of the investigation, the target Internet Protocol (IP) address, 7\*\*\*, showed the geolocation in Niceville, Walton County. WCSO Investigator Remmington Creamer originally did not have a direct download from the target IP 70.1\*\*\* and observed FBI Special Agent Dan Nowak and Detective John Saltarelli of the Leon County Sheriff's Office had received direct downloads from the target IP address\*\*\*. WCSO Investigator Creamer requested the downloads from both the FBI and Leon County Sheriff's Office.

On June 4, 2023, WCSO Investigator Creamer also obtained a direct download from the target IP address 70\*\*\*. WCSO Investigator Creamer observed the direct download he received and determined the download contained images of child sexual abuse material.

On June 6, 2023, W\*\*\*

On June 14, 2023, Cox Communications responded to the subpoena stating that the target IP address 70\*\*\* was assigned to Larry M Stidam Jr. of 1708 Valparaiso Blvd, Niceville, FL 32578, between May 2, 2023, and June 15, 2023. WCSO Investigator Creamer observed that the address in the subpoena return came back to Okaloosa County, Florida, and was outside his jurisdiction, so he

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passed the case to OCSO Investigator Evans.

On August 4, 2023, Investigator Evans reviewed the downloads from the Walton County Sheriff's Office and Leon County Sheriff's Office and observed that some images and videos violated the Florida State Statute.

During the investigation, Investigator Evans received additional downloads in January 2024 from IP address 7\*\*\*. Investigator Evans reviewed these downloads, which contained images and videos, and observed that they were violations of Florida State Statute.

Through surveillance and law enforcement investigative techniques, your Affiant confirmed that the Defendant lived at 1708 Valparaiso Blvd, Niceville, FL 32578.

On April 4, 2024, a search warrant was executed on 1708 Valparaiso Blvd, Niceville, Florida, and a number of electronic items were seized. During the execution of the search warrant, the Defendant was interviewed. Post Miranda Stidam made the following admissions.

During the interview, the Defendant confirmed that the internet was in his name and that the company was Cox Communications. The Defendant admitted to using the BitTorrent program and to downloading pornography using the BitTorrent. The Defendant admitted seeing child pornography, specifically children posing nude. The Defendant stated he would delete the child pornography after viewing it. The Defendant admitted he would use his HP laptop computer to use BitTorrent. The Defendant admitted to last using BitTorrent in the January/ February time frame of 2024.

A silver HP laptop was found in the living room. The computer has artifacts showing the Defendant as its user and artifacts of the use of BitTorrent during the downloads, which occurred in January 2024. Investigator Evans also discovered images of child sexual abuse material on the HP laptop. In a second laptop, additional child sexual abuse material was discovered. In all, over fifty images and videos were discovered during the forensic review of the computers. The following is an example of the child sexual abuse material discovered:

Image Filename: lpear-016b-049.jpg

Image Description: The image is of a prepubescent juvenile female between the approximate ages of nine (9) and eleven (11) years old. I\*\*\*

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Image Filename: lav-021-050.jpg  
Image Description: The image is of a prepubescent juvenile female between the approximate ages of eight (8) and ten (10) years old. \*\*\*

Based on the aforementioned information, your Affiant has reason to believe and does believe that the Defendant Larry Stidam violated Florida State Statutes 827.071(5) Possession of Child Pornography (x20) and 934.215 Use of a Two-way Communication Device to Commit a Felony. This incident occurred in Okaloosa County, Florida, where your Affiant is a Sworn Law Enforcement Officer.

#### Jail Booking Facility

Booking Date/Time <b>8/14/2024 01:36 PM</b>	Booking County <b>OKALOOSA</b>	Booking Facility <b>OCSO BOOKING</b>	Booking Facility Phone <b>850-651-7430</b>
Booking Facility Location <b>1940 LEWIS TURNER BLVD. FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA 32547</b>			Booking Number
Booking Comments			

#### Court

Court County <b>OKALOOSA</b>	Court Location <b>OKALOOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX EXTENSION 1940 LEWIS TURNER BLVD, FORT WALTON BEACH FL 32547</b>			
Court <b>FELONY - SOUTH</b>	Court Phone <b>850-651-7200</b>	Court Appearance Date / Time <b>09/19/2024 1330</b>	Court Fine <b>\$0.00</b>	
Comments				

#### Warrant Service


Service Date/Time <b>8/14/2024 1:35:03 PM</b>	Case Number <b>8/14/2024 1:35:03 PM</b>	Warrant Number <b>OCSO24WAR003481</b>				
Location Type <b>PUBLIC PLACE</b>	Location Description					
Street Number	Street <b>JOHN SIMS PKWY/ GRANDVIEW AVE</b>	Apt/Lot/Bldg	County <b>OKALOOSA</b>	City <b>VALPARAISO</b>	State <b>FL</b>	Zip Code <b>32580</b>

Officer Name Rank / ID #	Involvement On Report / Reporting Role	Officer Agency Org/Unit
<b>ECHOLS, DANIEL A</b> <b>INVESTIGAT</b> 1521	<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b> <b>OCSO/FSV/INV/SID/FUG</b>
<b>EVANS, MICHAEL K</b> <b>SENIOR INV</b> 1093		<b>OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b> <b>OCSO/FSV/INV/HOMELAND</b>
<b>GRUNDIN, NICHOLAS</b> <b>SERGEANT</b> 1271		<b>OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b> <b>OCSO/FSV/INV/HOMELAND</b>

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The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that the above named Defendant, committed violation(s), of law, on the below date(s) and time(s), as listed in the probable cause associated with this report:

### Reporting Officer

Officer Name <b>ECHOLS, DANIEL A</b>	Office Rank <b>INVESTIGAT</b>	Officer ID No <b>1521</b>	Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority This the _____ day of _____, DEPUTY OF THE COURT, NOTARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT
Officer Agency <b>OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>			
Officer Signature 			

<input type="radio"/> No Bill / Petition	<input type="radio"/> Issue Warrant	<input type="radio"/> Prosecution Approved	_____ Signature of Assistant State Attorney	_____ Date
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