

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CLINTON COUNTY

STATE OF IOWA

No. _____

vs.

COMPLAINT AND AFFIDAVIT

Defendant: HENRY EARL DINKINS
Address: Iowa State Penitentiary (Fort Madison); Inmate No. 1000578
DOB: 08/02/1972

The defendant is accused of **one (1) count** of the crime of **Sex Abuse in the 2nd Degree (Iowa Code Section 709.3; a Class B Felony)**, that on September 9, 2003 in the County of Clinton, State of Iowa, said defendant did commit sexual abuse under the following circumstances: (a) during the commission of sexual abuse the person used or threatened to use force creating a substantial risk of death or serious injury to any person, and (b) the other person was a child.

SIA G.C. Kelly I-60
Ryan Kedley, Special Agent
Division of Criminal Investigation
Iowa Department of Public Safety
(Complainant)

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA, COUNTY OF CLINTON COUNTY, ss:

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state the following facts known by me, or told to me by other reliable person, form the basis for my belief that the Defendant committed this crime.

On the evening of Tuesday, September 9, 2003, at or about 6:30 PM, a five-year-old female child (referred to hereafter as A.T.) was playing in her family residence's backyard in the 500-block of Eighth Avenue South in Clinton, Iowa with two young family members of similar ages to A.T. While not under direct adult supervision, as the children were playing, they were approached by an unknown adult black male, who had arrived from the adjacent alleyway driving an SUV-style vehicle. Upon exiting the vehicle, the adult male approached A.T. and offered her multiple coins of loose change if A.T. would go with him. A.T. accepted the unknown individual's offer and left with him in the SUV-style vehicle.

Later that same evening, at approximately 7:50 PM, A.T. was located, walking along a rural ditch, by a civilian married couple driving south of Grand Mound, Iowa near the intersection of 230th Avenue and 255th Street. From A.T.'s home address to where she was located south of Grand Mound, there is a geographic distance of approximately 24 to 26 miles.

Within hours of A.T. being located, it was discovered that A.T. was recovered wearing no underwear.

A.T. would sit for multiple interviews with law enforcement personnel in the days immediately following the incident. A.T. stated she had been playing in the backyard of her house near the alley and had been approached by a black male who called himself "Mike". A.T. described being offered loose change by the man, then led by the hand into his van. A.T. said her two young (male) family playmates were not allowed to come with her and the unknown male. A.T. indicated they drove to the area where he parked in a lane near a cornfield, and both got out of the vehicle.

A.T. would advise law enforcement she did not know this individual and had never seen him before, but stated he was a fat, black male, somewhat older, with braided hair and a mustache, wearing a white t-shirt and longer-shorts/pants, possibly blue.

A.T. indicated that upon arriving near a cornfield, her shorts were removed by the man. A.T. further indicated her underwear "flew" into the cornfield.

A.T. stated she was lying on her back on the grass near the cornfield. She further reported that when the unknown male was on top of her, the act "did not hurt very much," although described it as lasting for a prolonged period of time. A.T. stated the suspect got up, got back in his vehicle, and left the area. A.T. stated she then got up, put on her shorts, and began walking. A.T. stated the suspect never said anything to her; however, A.T.'s mother would later advise law enforcement personnel she (A.T.'s mother) had been told by A.T. privately at one point that the unknown individual told her not to say anything.

As the investigation into this matter continued, Henry Earl Dinkins was identified as a person of interest. As part of the investigation, a photo line-up of six individuals was presented to A.T. This photo line-up included Henry Dinkins. Upon her review, A.T. identified Dinkins as being the individual who had kidnapped her on September 9, 2003.

In the late summer of 2023, A.T. contacted law enforcement personnel, indicating she had additional information to provide relative to her kidnapping in September of 2003. Interviews of A.T. were conducted by Special Agents of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) during which A.T. stated she had recently recognized Dinkins' image in electronic media publications. A.T. stated based on Dinkins' facial features and physically heavy-set build, she believed Dinkins was the individual who had kidnapped her as a child in 2003.

A.T. stated due to her young age at the time of the kidnapping, the amount of time which had passed since the kidnapping, as well as the fact her family had had minimal communication about the kidnapping, she had retained almost no knowledge about the police investigation into her case. A.T. stated she was not aware of the extent of her own communications with law enforcement throughout the 2003 investigation. Throughout the 2023 communications between DCI Special Agents and A.T., it was apparent that A.T. had no awareness of her positive identification of Dinkins in the 2003 photo line-up presented to her.

A.T. then went on to indicate she had been sexually abused by Dinkins near the cornfield during her abduction in 2003. A.T. went on to provide law enforcement with details the sex act(s) performed by Dinkins upon her; specifically involving anal penetration (forcible sodomy) sustained by A.T. A.T. stated just prior to leaving her on the side of the road after the sexual abuse had concluded, Dinkins had threatened to kill A.T.'s entire family if she told anyone about what had happened. A.T. then described her level of certainty of Dinkins being the individual who had kidnapped her, sexually abused her, and left her on the side of a rural road as 80%.

A.T. stated she and Dinkins had stopped at a store prior to leaving Clinton, which she believed to be the Hop 'N Shop located at 716 South 4th Street, Clinton, Iowa. A.T. stated only the suspect entered the Hop 'N Shop, while she remained in the car.

Hop 'N Shop internal surveillance footage was collected as part of this investigation in 2003. In light of the additional information provided by A.T. in 2023, a second review of the footage in question was conducted. This review revealed that at 6:49:46 PM on the evening of Tuesday, September 9, 2003, an unidentified, heavier-set black male enters, seemingly alone, wearing a white t-shirt, dark-colored long baggy (possibly denim) shorts/pants, and white shoes. This individual selects an item from the store and pays cash to make his purchase. It should be noted that this unidentified individual is similar in various physical characteristics to Dinkins.

Dinkins was interviewed by law enforcement personnel in 2003, and then again in 2025, for the purpose of gaining information related to A.T.'s 2003 abduction and sexual abuse. Dinkins repeatedly denied any involvement in this incident but did not provide a confirmable alibi to absolve him from suspicion.

**A No-Contact Order is requested in this matter, barring all contact between Dinkins and AT.

SIA Ryan P. Kedley I-60
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to this 29th day of April 2026, by Ryan P. Kedley.

Jessica First
(Notary Public)(Deputy Clerk) Magistrate

