

Bail set at \$500K for Illinois man in assault case

Added charges allege attempted child sex trafficking, other assaults

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WAUKESHA — Prosecutors have added several new charges, including attempted trafficking of a child, against a Cicero, Illinois man who was previously convicted of murder and who allegedly shared nude images with and sexually assaulted a 15-year-old girl earlier this year.

Bail was set Friday at \$500,000 for William Calderon, 43, who was previously charged with using a computer to facilitate a child sex crime, child enticement and strangulation. An amended complaint Friday dropped the strangulation charge and added counts of attempted trafficking of a child, sexual exploitation of a child, repeated sexual assault of a child, another enticement count, sexually assaulting a child under 16, and two counts of physical abuse of a child.

Public defender Anna Kees, appearing as a friend of the court on Calderon's behalf, declined to comment Friday afternoon. Calderon is due in court again May 11. A protective order requires him to stay away from the Pewaukee girl, his alleged victim.

The girl previously told investigators she'd been in social media contact with someone named "Willie The Man," later determined to be Calderon, who encouraged her to send him nude images of her and sent her images of himself masturbating, according to a criminal complaint. He told the girl how

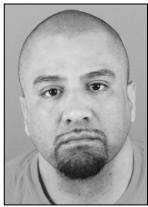
much to eat, when to sleep and directed other aspects of her life. He threatened violence against her family and to share the nude images with her family and friends, the original complaint said.

He also encouraged her to move to Chicago with him, bringing all her personal ID info with her, and also drove to Waukesha County on at least four occasions to have sexual contact with her in his vehicle, the original complaint said, adding Calderon had been convicted of murder in a 1994 case in Illinois. Calderon gave the girl two phones for exclusive contact with him, one of which she threw in a lake and the other she gave to a friend for safe-keeping, the complaint said.

Threats and control

The complaint filed Friday gives a closer look at Calderon's contacts with the girl, including how he allegedly "exercised such control over (her) that he even talked her into cutting herself, near her breast, in an act that could be viewed as akin to branding. He encouraged her to call him 'daddy' and 'master' and made her aware that in the past he was a pimp for three girls in Chicago," the amended complaint said. "He also shared with her that he had been convicted on homicide in Chicago before, and that he was a member of a Cicero street gang."

The girl also said Calderon tried to force her to perform certain sexual behavior; "almost as if he was training her for future sexual acts



Calderon

with other men," the complaint said. It further alleged Calderon told the girl he was going to share her with multiple men, telling her "he has killed people," and that he "has ways to get rid of people."

The complaint said Calderon's contacts with the girl began when she was 14, he told her "he was glad she was so young," and that he wanted sexual intercourse with her. When she refused, Calderon choked her until she lost consciousness, and then told her, "if anything bad happens to you, you caused it," the complaint said.

A search of Calderon's Cicero home last week found several items to support the girl's allegations, including a box for one of the phones Calderon reportedly gave her, ledgers with her usernames and passwords for various phone applications, as well as another ledger that contained information about other girls he'd apparently communicated with. In his car were stains that appeared to be evidence of sexual activity, but were swabbed for further tests, the complaint said.

The complaint also said the girl, when she was in sixth grade a few years ago, shared nude pictures of herself on Instagram, at which time the recipient tried to blackmail her and threatened to harm her family. The girl wondered if this was the same Instagram user or was related to that matter in some way, the complaint said.



Richfield home suffers about \$40K damage in Friday morning fire

RICHFIELD — There were no injuries, but a residence suffered about \$40,000 damage after a fire broke out at the home Friday morning.

According to a Facebook post by the Washington County Sheriff's Department, emergency services received a report from the owners of a single-family home at 3731 Overlook Drive at about 11 a.m. of smoke coming from an area near their kitchen sink.

Deputies and firefighters from the Richfield Fire Department responded. That department received mutual aid from the

Germantown, Hartford, Jackson, and Slinger fire departments, as well as Lifestar Ambulance.

Richfield firefighters located a fire in the cabinets adjacent to the kitchen sink and quickly put it out.

The cause remains under investigation by Sheriff's Fire Investigators, but Capt. Tony Burgard of the Richfield Volunteer Fire Company said it's believed the fire was started by a towel or some other cooking item being close to a stove where cooking was taking place.

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New Berlin man faces \$285K fine for growing pot

But keeps home and property under plea deal

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WAUKESHA — A New Berlin man has agreed to plead guilty in a large marijuana growing operation inside his home in an agreement that will fine him in exchange for keeping his house and property, federal court records show.

Robert Zehren 43, must pay \$285,000 — the value of his Sun Valley Court home plus an estimated \$90,000 in conservatively estimated proceeds from marijuana sales since 2010 — and not appeal or contest any part of the agreement, at risk of having the home and property seized, according to a plea agreement. As part of the agreement, prosecutors agreed to dismiss a criminal case in Waukesha County Circuit Court without prejudice — meaning charges could be refiled in the future — which was done Thursday, court records indicate.

In addition, state civil actions seeking the forfeiture of a 2005 Corvette, a 2005 Audi, a 2002 Ford Excursion and a boat and trailer, and a federal forfeiture action seeking Zehren's home, are to be

dropped, according to the plea agreement.

Zehren has agreed to plead guilty to possession with intent to distribute marijuana and using a premises to distribute marijuana, according to the plea agreement filed in federal court Monday.

The agreement made no mention of potential incarceration other than stating Zehren faces up to 20 years in prison on each count and at least three years of supervision on the first count. A spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office was unable to provide clarification on that point Friday.

Defense attorney Robin Shellow declined to comment Friday. She has said in the past that none of Zehren's assets were from the sale of controlled substances; rather, they were inherited as long-held family property.

She previously told The Freeman Zehren was using the marijuana "to self-medicate a painfully debilitating neuro-muscular disorder."

Zehren's case is to go before a U.S. magistrate judge to determine whether the plea should be accepted, according to a document in the case.

127 pot plants

Zehren was initially charged in Waukesha County Circuit Court last year after authorities searched his home and found 127 pot plants, an elaborate growing operation and more than 20 pounds of marijuana and clippings and dead plants, court records show.

Zehren told investigators he had been growing marijuana since about 2010 and averaged one to three crops per year, the complaint said. Zehren told investigators his marijuana is of better quality than most and people have complimented him on it, the complaint said.

Affidavits returned to court indicated the police investigation shows Zehren claimed an average of \$10,000 to \$15,000 of annual income from small-scale pot sales from two crops a year. A witness reported that number to be \$10,000 to \$13,000 in profit from each two- to three-month batch of marijuana.

Zehren told police he hasn't worked in 16 years due to a disability. He has a stock market account and uses the marijuana funds to augment that so his stock market account isn't depleted, court records said.

IN BRIEF

Public meeting Wednesday on Main Street utility project

WAUKESHA — The Waukesha Water Utility will hold a public information meeting from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday about an upcoming reconstruction of Main Street from North Barstow Street to Lombardi Avenue, as part of plans to install a new sanitary sewer and water mains.

The project will include a full roadway reconstruction with new curb and gutter and concrete paving.

The meeting will take place in Room 207 at City Hall, 201 Delafield St. City staff and the project contractor will be available to answer questions. The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of October.

Drug Take-Back effort collects thousands of pounds in medications

WAUKESHA — More than 6,500 pounds of medications were collected for the April 28 Drug Take-Back initiative throughout Wisconsin, according to a press release.

Coordinated by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, the main focus is to remove potentially dangerous pharmaceutical substances from household medicine cabinets and prevent them from going into the water supply.

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Office teamed up with DOJ as well as cities of Delafield, Muskego, New Berlin, Oconomowoc and Waukesha, villages of

Eagle, Elm Grove, Hartland, Menomonee Falls, Mukwonago, Pewaukee and Sussex, and Arrowhead High School at collection sites around the county.

The prescription Drug Take-Back Day provides a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal, while educating the public about the potential for abuse of these medications.

Unused or expired medicine should never be flushed or poured down the drain. Water facilities are not designed to remove all particles and trace amounts of pharmaceuticals that are found in rivers and lakes around the world.

Colgate man charged for child pornography

WAUKESHA — A Colgate man was charged for possessing hundreds of files of child pornography after an investigation by the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office, according to a Waukesha County Circuit Court criminal complaint.

Jesse Johnson, 24, was charged with 10 counts of child pornography for possessing 807 files of child pornography.

Detectives went to Johnson's residence and found a laptop and a number of electronic devices, on which detectives found more child pornography, according to the complaint.

Florida residents face federal charges for alleged ID thefts

WAUKESHA — Three Florida residents have been indicted for wire fraud and identity theft during

alleged activities around southeastern Wisconsin in recent months.

U.S. Attorney Matthew D. Krueger for the Eastern District of Wisconsin announced Friday that a federal grand jury returned an 18-count indictment charging three Florida residents each with three counts of wire fraud and three counts of aggravated identity theft. The defendants are Adam Yves Paul, 30, of Gainesville; Frantz Aubert Nelson, 28, of Miramar; and Yann Asmael Poye, 24, of Pembroke Pines, Florida.

According to a press release from Krueger's office, the defendants obtained stolen identities and banking information of state residents and then traveled throughout southeastern Wisconsin making unauthorized withdrawals from automated teller machines.

The total amount of loss caused by the scheme is not known. But the release said Paul used stolen ID information to withdraw at least \$73,290.23, Nelson stole at least \$35,564.76, and Poye received \$23,439.37.

The maximum penalties for each count of wire fraud are 20 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. The ID theft charges carry a mandatory minimum sentence of two years' imprisonment and a maximum \$250,000 fine.

Krueger cautioned that an indictment is merely a charge and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Vukmir to speak at CSCWC meeting

WEST BEND — U.S. Senate candidate Leah Vukmir will be the guest speaker at the Common Sense Citizens of Washington County's upcoming meeting.



Vukmir

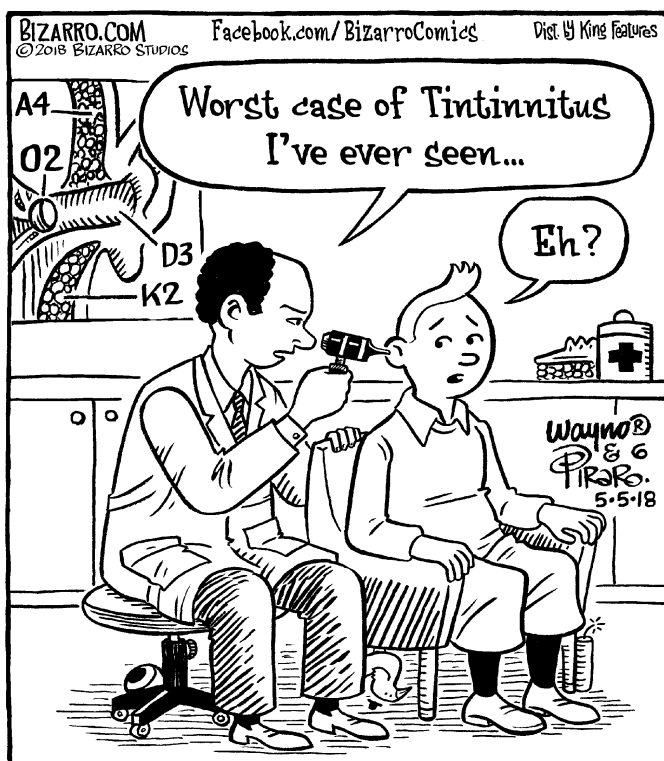
The meeting is at 7 p.m. Wednesday at

the West Bend Moose Lodge, 1721 Chestnut St. It is free and open to the public.

Vukmir, a state senator from Brookfield, will run

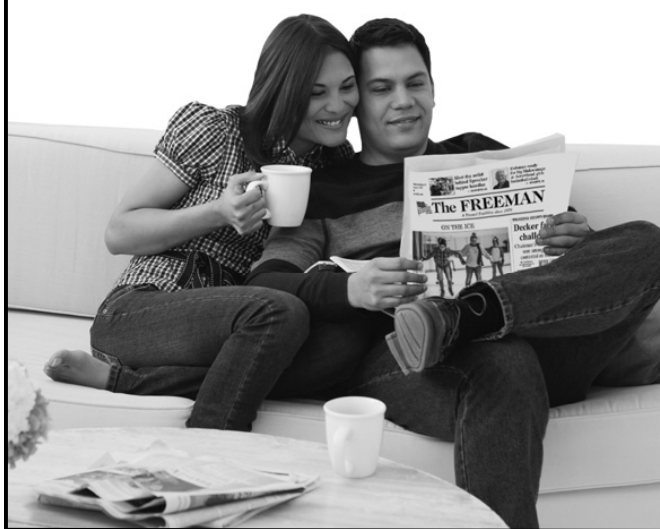
against Kevin Nicholson in a Republican primary on Aug. 14. The winner will face Democratic U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin in November.

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