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if more than 6 counts (see attached) if Domestic Assault as defined by MS 518B01, sub2a,b

State of Minnesota,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

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NAME: first, middle, last

ARVILLA MARIE LILLY MEINHARDT

Date of Birth

8/30/39

MNCIS #:

LE#:

09-28493

SILS ID:

667895

TRACK ID:

2369822

DEFENDANT,

6050 DULUTH LANE
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN

COMPLAINT

The Complainant, being duly sworn, makes complaint to the above-named Court and states that there is probable cause to believe that the Defendant committed the following offense(s). The complainant states that the following facts establish PROBABLE CAUSE:

Complainant, Mario Hernandez, of the Golden Valley Police Department, has investigated the facts and circumstances of this offense and believes the following establishes probable cause:

On November 2, 2009, Hennepin County Child Protection forwarded a report containing allegations of child maltreatment to Golden Valley Police Department. The matter involved allegations stemming from the care of T.V. dob 5/8/2002, a child who was cared for by the Defendant, **ARVILLA MARIE LILLY MEINHARDT**, from 2003-2006 in the Defendant's licensed in-home day care. The day care home is located at 6050 Duluth Lane, Golden Valley, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Detective Mario Hernandez was assigned to investigate this matter. On November 3, 2009, he learned that approximately 6 to 8 months ago, T.V. described to her mother, L.V. that while she was in the day care of the Defendant, she was clothed in pajamas during nap time that did not have any sleeves and that the garment restricted her ability to move while napping. T.V. explained that the Defendant used large safety pins, that had animal heads on them, to pin her down on the mattress. L.V. told Detective Hernandez that T.V. has increasingly expressed anger and bitterness concerning her memories of the Defendant. L.V. stated that the Defendant ran a day care for children under the age of four. And that T.V. was cared for by the Defendant in her day care prior to turning four years-old

On November 5, 2009 at approximately 10:30 a.m., Golden Valley Detectives Hernandez and Matthew went to the Defendant's home. They knocked repeatedly on the door and rang the doorbell for several minutes without any response. There did not appear to be any activity in or around the residence. However, when the Defendant finally answered the door, she refused to allow entrance to the detectives. She refused to answer their inquiry regarding whether or not she was caring for children in her home. She said she was on the phone concerning a "family emergency." She told the detectives to wait outside, then closed and locked the door.

After allowing a couple minutes for the Defendant to complete her phone call, the detectives began knocking on the door and ringing the doorbell again. After four or five minutes without a response the detectives, who noted children's shoes and clothing in the entry way of the home earlier, began to become even more concerned for any children that might possibly be inside. They then noticed one child, then another, then a third running about the inside of the home. The Defendant reappeared at the door holding a baby bottle, looking quite pale and sweating profusely. She invited the detectives into her home. The Defendant was evasive to questions from the detectives regarding where the children were when they were first at the door. The Defendant looked confused as six to seven children were running around a play area, kitchen and hallway. The Defendant's husband, Donald Meinhardt than appeared and said he had been on the phone with his CPA and that there was no family emergency.

The Defendant led the detectives to a back bedroom. The room contained six cribs. There were several infants in the cribs, alert and crying. The detectives noticed a large bowl on top of a dresser that contained safety pins. Some were large safety pins with animal heads on them, just as T.V. had described. They also noticed a pair of pajamas on the floor with pin holes on the sides. The detectives requested police back-up to assist with the children in the home as they were reunited with their parents and they waited for a search warrant for the residence to be obtained..

During the search, several more pairs of pajamas with safety pins still in them were found shoved under the bed. A drawer full of pajamas with pin holes in them were found in a dresser. A mattress in a crib also appeared to have pin holes in it.

After having waived her rights per Miranda the Defendant admitted to Detective Hernandez that she used the safety pins as a form of discipline to control the children. She demonstrated how she created a type of straight jacket with the pajamas, where the children's arms would be taken out of pajama sleeves and the sleeves would be pulled behind their backs and fastened together with a safety pin. She then demonstrated how she pinned the children's pajama legs together at their calves to restrict their movement. She would pin the zippers so the children could not get out of the pajamas. She clarified that she only did this on children who were 2 and 3 years-old and that she had been doing this for approximately eight years. The parents of the children were never informed of this practice.

COMPLAINT SUPPLEMENT

CCT	SECTION/Subdivision	M.O.C.	GOC

OFFENSE

COUNT 1: MALICIOUS PUNISHMENT OF A CHILD (GROSS MISDEMEANOR)
 MINN. STAT. § 609.377, SUBDS. 1, 2
 PENALTY: 0-1 YEAR AND/OR \$3,000

That on or between May 8, 2004 and May 8, 2006, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, **ARVILLA MARIE LILLY MEINHARDT**, the parent, legal guardian or caretaker of T.V. a person under the age of 18 , did by a series of intentional acts with respect to T.V. evidence unreasonable force or cruel discipline that was excessive under the circumstances.

COUNT 2: FALSE IMPRISONMENT (GROSS MISDEMEANOR)
 MINN. STAT. § 609.255, SUBD. 3
 PENALTY: 0-1 YEAR AND/OR \$3,000

That on or between May 8, 2004 and May 8, 2006, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, **ARVILLA MARIE LILLY MEINHARDT**, the caretaker of T.V., intentionally confined or restrained T.V., born 5/8/02, a person under the age of 18 years, for a prolonged period of time and in a cruel manner that was excessive under the circumstances.

NOTICE: You must appear for every court hearing on this charge. A failure to appear for court on this charge is a criminal offense and may be punished as provided in Minn. Stat. § 609.49.