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COUNTY OF CRAWFORD )

SS:

In the Crawford Circuit Court

13C01-2205-F6-000039

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2022 TERM

VS.

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SABRINA R. BELL  
Defendant

MAY 12 2022

**INFORMATION**

CLERK CIRCUIT COURT

*Lisa D. Haggerty*

DOB: 11/13/1981  
SSN: REDACTED

**DOMESTIC BATTERY IN THE PRESENCE OF A CHILD**  
I.C. 35-42-2-1.3(a) & (b)(2)  
**LEVEL 6 FELONY**

The Undersigned, being first duly sworn upon his/her oath, states that on or about April 12, 2022, in Crawford County, State of Indiana, Sabrina R. Bell, a person at least 18 years of age did knowingly or intentionally touch Douglas Goerss in a rude, insolent, or angry manner, to-wit: Sabrina R. Bell struck Douglas Goerss in the face, said offense being committed in the physical presence of a child less than sixteen (16) years of age, to-wit: Minor #1 (age 12) and Minor #2 (age 8), knowing that the children were present and might be able to see or hear the offense, and the said Douglas Goerss is a family or household member of the Defendant. All of which is contrary to the statute and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

**I SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY FOR PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING REPRESENTATIONS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.**

*Chris Lane*  
Chris Lane, #25386-22  
Special Prosecuting Attorney

Approved by me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

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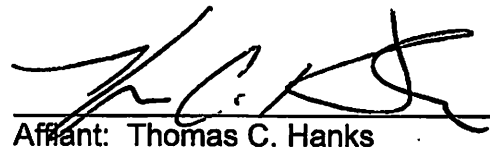
AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE

Master Trooper Detective Thomas Hanks who has been employed by the Indiana State Police for 21 years, swears or affirms that he believes and has good cause to believe that SABRINA R. BELL on or about April 12, 2022 in Crawford County, State of Indiana, committed the offense of DOMESTIC BATTERY IN PRESENCE OF A CHILD LESS THAN 16 YEARS OLD, to wit:

On April 12, 2022 at approximately 5:04 P.M. the Crawford County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to the residence of SABRINA R. BELL (age 40) in reference to a domestic battery complaint. Upon arriving on scene, responding deputies contacted the victim/reporting party, DOUGLAS A. GOERSS who is BELL'S ex-husband. GOERSS advised responding deputies that he was at BELL'S residence to pick-up their three children for his scheduled visit that evening. GOERSS went on to state to the deputies that BELL started a verbal argument with him in front of their children which ended with BELL striking GOERSS in the left side of the face specifically the neck/cheek area with her hand. Officers at the scene advised they observed marks on GOERSS left side that would substantiate his claim of being struck by BELL. Interviews conducted by Indiana Department of Child Services confirmed that the battery was witnessed by two of the children, age 12 and age 8. BELL declined to make any statements regarding the matter.

I affirm under penalty of perjury as specified by IC 35-44-2-1, that the foregoing representations are true.

Dated: 5-12-2022



Affiant: Thomas C. Hanks