

IN DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF BARNES, NORTH DAKOTA

State of North Dakota,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	CRIMINAL INFORMATION
)	
Lucus John Puhr,)	File No. 02-2022-CR-00362
)	
Defendant,)	

The Barnes County State’s Attorney charges:

¶1 Count 1: That on or about a time period between June 19, 2020 and December 19, 2020, in Barnes County, North Dakota, the defendant, Lucas John Puhr, did commit the offense of **Gross Sexual Imposition**, in violation of North Dakota Century Code section 12.1-20-03(1)(d), 12.1-20-03(3)(a), 12.1-32-01(1), by then and there: The defendant, twenty-two (22) years of age or older, willfully engaged in a sexual act with another, or caused another to engage in a sexual act, and the victim was less than fifteen (15) years old, in particular: Defendant, being older than 22 years old, engaged in a sexual act with R.J., a child under 15 years old. This offense is a **Class AA Felony**.

¶2 Count 2: That on or about a time period between June 19, 2020 and October 19, 2020, in Barnes County, North Dakota, the defendant, Lucas John Puhr, did commit the offense of **Aggravated Assault**, in violation of North Dakota Century Code section 12.1-17-02(1)(a), 12.1-17-02(2)(a), 12.1-32-02.1, 12.1-32-01(3), by then and there: The defendant willfully caused serious bodily injury to another human being, that person being under twelve (12) years of age, in particular: Defendant willfully caused serious bodily injury to R.J. by picking R.J. off the ground by his neck, impeding R.J.'s airflow. This offense is a **Class B Felony**.

¶3 Count 3: That on or about a time period between June 19, 2020 and December 19, 2020, in Barnes County, North Dakota, the defendant, Lucas John Puhr, did commit the offense of **Child Abuse**, in violation of North Dakota Century Code section 14-09-22(1), 12.1-32-01(3), by then and there: The defendant, a parent, adult family or household member, guardian, or other custodian of any child, willfully inflicted or allowed to be inflicted upon a child, mental injury or bodily injury, substantial bodily injury, or serious bodily injury, and the child was under the age of six (6), in particular: Defendant, an adult custodian or guardian of R.J., willfully inflicted bodily injury on R.J., a child under the age of 6 at the time of the offense. This offense is a **Class B Felony**.

¶4 Count 4: That on or about a time period between June 19, 2020 and December 19, 2020, in Barnes County, North Dakota, the defendant, Lucas John Puhr, did commit the offense of **Child Neglect**, in violation of North Dakota Century Code section 14-09-22.1(1), 12.1-32-01(4), by then and there: The defendant, a parent, adult family or household member, guardian, or other custodian of any child, willfully failed to provide proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for the child's physical, mental, or emotional health or morals, in particular: Defendant, a household member, failed to provide proper parental care or control for R.J., as required by law, by forcing R.J. to lick the feces in a diaper. This offense is a **Class C Felony**.

¶5 Count 5: That on or about a time period between June 19, 2020 and December 19, 2020, in Barnes County, North Dakota, the defendant, Lucas John Puhr, did commit the offense of **Child Neglect**, in violation of North Dakota Century Code section 14-09-22.1(1), 12.1-32-01(4), by then and there: The defendant, a parent, adult family or household member, guardian, or other custodian of any child, willfully failed to provide proper parental care or control, subsistence, education as required by law, or other care or control necessary for the child's physical, mental, or emotional health or morals, in particular: Defendant, a household member, failed to provide proper parental care or control for R.J., as required by law, by forcing R.J. to lick a floor in the basement.

This offense is a **Class C Felony**.

[¶6] Against the peace and dignity of the State of North Dakota.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2022.



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Penalty Section

Count 1: N.D.C.C. §§ 12.1-32-01(1)
Class AA Felony.
Min. Mandatory: 12.1-20-03(3)(a), 12.1-32-06.1(4); 5 years imprisonment, Minimum 5 years of supervised probation, DNA Sample
Count 2: N.D.C.C. §§ 12.1-32-01(3)
Class B Felony.
Min. Mandatory: DNA Sample
Count 3: N.D.C.C. §§ 12.1-32-01(3)
Class B Felony.
Min. Mandatory: 14-09-22, 12-67-02; 1 year imprisonment, parenting capacity eval, MH eval, Anger Management assessment and follow through, and no EHM or home GPS if minor is home, DNA Sample
Count 4: N.D.C.C. §§ 12.1-32-01(4)
Class C Felony.
Min. Mandatory: DNA Sample
Count 5: N.D.C.C. §§ 12.1-32-01(4)
Class C Felony.
Min. Mandatory: DNA Sample