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STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

Case No. 24-CF-247

24-CF-164

PRESTON KENNETHROBERT KITE,

Defendant.

SENTENCING HEARING
(Digitally Recorded)

February 28, 2025

Before the HONORABLE JON FREDRICKSON

Circuit Court Judge Presiding

Racine County Courthouse

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TSZ-KING TSE, Attorney at Law, appeared on behalf of the defendant in person.

PRESTON KITE, Defendant, appeared in custody in person.

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PROCEEDING

(Proceeding commenced at 1:31 p.m.)

THE COURT: All right. 24-CF-247, 24-CF-164,
State vs. Preston Kennethrobert Kite.

I'll take appearances, please.

MS. TANCK-ADAMS: Assistant District Attorney,
Jennifer Tanck-Adam appears for the State.

MR. TSE: Attorney Tse appears in person who also
appears in person, in custody.

Good afternoon.

THE COURT: Good afternoon.

All right. I am in receipt of the Presentence
Investigation Report, as well as, document 27 which contains
various letters on defendants behalf. And I am in receipt of
document 28, which is the Clinical Consulting Services
Physiological Evaluation Report.

Let's start with the PSI, Attorney Tanck-Adams, anything
need to be corrected or changed in that?

MS. TANCK-ADAMS: Judge, I may have missed this but
there is also a surcharge for each of the images. I totaled up
there were 19 images that he is pleading to that would be
subjected to a \$500 surcharge per.

THE COURT: How many images?

MS. TANCK-ADAMS: Nineteen images times \$500.

THE COURT: For a total of?

1 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: Oh, you're going to put me on the
2 spot to do math.

3 THE COURT: I am. I can always get a calculator.

4 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: I will do that, yes, thank you.

5 THE COURT: I don't expect you to do it in your head.
6 You don't have 19 fingers.

7 THE CLERK: Nine thousand five hundred.

8 THE COURT: Oh you did, what is it?

9 THE CLERK: Nine thousand five hundred.

10 THE COURT: Nine thousand five hundred?

11 THE CLERK: Yes.

12 THE COURT: All right.

13 Attorney Tse, is that your understanding?

14 MR. TSE: Yes, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: All right. Nine thousand five hundred
16 surcharges for 19 imagines.

17 All right. Let's talk about the PSI, any changes or
18 alterations in that?

19 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: Judge, there was also a notice of
20 restitution order filed by the State for Alyssa Coles in the
21 amount of \$619.50.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 Any objection to that being paid?

24 MR. TSE: No objections.

25 THE COURT: Okay.

1 Chapter 950 and Marcy's Law, are we in compliance?

2 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: Yes. And the victims parent is
3 present in Court today and wishes to speak. That would be
4 Alyssa Zimmerman. Does the Court have a preference as to when
5 that statement is taken?

6 THE COURT: I'll leave it up to you.

7 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: Okay.

8 THE COURT: Usually after argument, but if you want
9 to do it before argument. However you would like to present
10 your particular argument.

11 All right. The PSI?

12 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: The State has no other corrections,
13 deletions, or additions.

14 THE COURT: Okay.

15 From Defense standpoint?

16 MR. TSE: No, Your Honor. There are no corrections
17 that need to be noted.

18 THE COURT: All right. Then I am ready to take
19 argument.

20 Attorney Tanck-Adams?

21 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: Thank you, Judge.

22 So as the Court is aware because of the multiple charges
23 here as well as two different file case numbers, this case
24 qualifies not only for mandatory life-time sex offender
25 registry, but also mandatory GPS monitoring. As I indicated

1 there is the request for restitution in the amount of \$619.50.

2 When I look to the gravity of the offense, I've been a
3 prosecutor for 25 years and quite frankly I have never seen a
4 case that is graver than this. Mr. Kite was put in a position
5 of trust, not only when he was asked or offered his services to
6 his co-workers wife while the co-worker was away at training to
7 watch their child, whom Mr. Kite took into his own home and as
8 the Court can see and I am sure Ms. Zimmerman will speak too,
9 was starting to groom this young boy. By images of him in the
10 shower fully clothed, but also having exposed his penis to him
11 while on the toilet and requesting that he bring him wipes.

12 However, there was also a position of trust afforded to
13 him by the community of Racine County. He committed these
14 offenses while he was in full police uniform and operating a
15 fully marked squad. Some remarks by people he encountered were
16 questioning whether he was basically part of a sting operation
17 looking to set them up. And the people that did see, this one
18 victim in particular, who outcried and kicked off the entire
19 investigation, knew that there wasn't something right here.
20 This is also a problem because not only was he engaging in
21 these sexual activities while he is on Racine County paid time,
22 but he is also using that time when he is supposed to be
23 protecting the community to scope out additional opportunities.

24 Just to highlight a few of the indicators from the
25 Presentence Investigation Report. It indicates in the PSI that

1 Mr. Kite would text with some people, quote, I was fingering my
2 buddies cow a couple of weeks ago. I picked up a stray last
3 week. I was housesitting for my bro, was fingering her and
4 trying to fuck her pussy, to small. The other person responds,
5 well what other animals experiences do you have, to which
6 Mr. Kite responds, dogs, male and female, fingered horse and
7 cow pussy. I have rubbed my cats little dick until he nuts
8 sometimes, you? The other person says, I've only fucked a
9 dog's ass before, but my best cock I have never felt. Kite
10 said then, I tried fucking my male dog's ass when I had him but
11 it hurt him so I stopped. I was dating someone who had a giant
12 ass German Shepard, we were home alone, I went to the bathroom,
13 got naked, crawled under him while I jerked off. He nudded
14 with force so much. Kite also told that person, I want to be a
15 pervy, I am a cop, I am sharing a dog with you, laugh out loud,
16 work at a vet, try a vet tech. Sharing a dog pussy would be
17 the best Christmas Present. It would be nice if you could get
18 a job as an animal control and pick up strays.

19 And then when we look to the gravity of the offense and
20 think about whether or not Mr. Kite character is can be
21 rehabilitated, I want the Court to hear Mr. Kite's own words on
22 the bottom of page 15. Where Mr. Kite says, I can't help
23 myself I always come back to animals. Mr. Kite then told the
24 other individual, I also fucked a Huskey two weeks ago. He had
25 to help me hold her down, not easy to film.

1 In going through the additional text messages Mr. Kite
2 indicated, my buddy sent me a whole bunch of porn, so I am
3 filtering through all of that, cum, piss, incest, young, beast,
4 jerking off, public, uniforms, cock, pits, I love taboo porn,
5 and incest is probably my favorite. There are additional
6 messages where he indicates, love piss, any taboo, saw an
7 incest video, got me really worked up, laugh out loud. When I
8 was younger, my older and I would mess around, indicating
9 incest. When I was four or five, I remember my dad jerking off
10 next to me in bed, laugh out loud. And the video I saw this
11 dad fucking was like a 14 to 16 year old son.

12 When there were records that were obtained from X and
13 Twitter, Detective Moro found at least 46 videos from Kite
14 showing him filming other people in public. And I guess that's
15 another problem that I have with the initial conversation that
16 Mr. Kite engages in. He is obviously, dishonest with law
17 enforcement, indicating that he had given these people he
18 filmed and opportunity to consent which they did. But when
19 they were confronted, they did not. Then he tries to destroy
20 the evidence by contacting a friend of his to give them account
21 codes to try and have his phone wiped.

22 So when we are looking at the need to protect the
23 community, I would ask the Court again, to look at in
24 Mr. Kite's own words that on his Grinder profile, which someone
25 reported for illegal activity. And wrote to that company their

1 belief that Mr. Kite was looking for child porn. And his
2 account was later banned, because on his profile he described
3 what he liked as I have previously listed: The cum, the piss,
4 the incest, the young, the bestiality, the jacking off, the
5 glory hole, the public, the uniforms, the pits. And he says, I
6 am a cop, so he doesn't even try to hid his identity.

7 Taking this to a next level, Mr. Kite had participated in
8 the making and distribution. As we can see on page 18 of the
9 Presentence Investigation, he was associated with the Mount
10 Olympus Wisconsin Dells individual whom he photographed, and
11 then sends that to a person in Outagamie County. Who we learn
12 -- I guess that's what's troublesome to the State as well.

13 When I look at page 18 there are three higher ranking people
14 that are all tied together by Mr. Kite. So this isn't just a
15 whoops one time I fell into it, I got depressed, I got bored.
16 He's deep into this, he's well connected into this, and he's
17 circulating these images and this pornography around to people
18 in the State of Wisconsin and beyond.

19 And very troubling was when I read that Kite had reported
20 to police that he was speaking with the Sargent at the Racine
21 County Sheriff's Department about how to become an Internet
22 Crime Against Children Detective. That would, obviously, have
23 given Mr. Kite access to these CSAM images and God only knows,
24 Your Honor, what he would have done had he been able to pull
25 that off. Unfettered accessed not only for his own enjoyment

1 but to take and to continue to distribute.

2 When we look at some of the images that he is reported to
3 have possessed, again, I want the Court to consider gravity of
4 offense and the lack of any rehabilitation. Because quite
5 frankly, when someone has a type that's why we have as sex
6 offender registry. We're not asking murders to register when
7 they get out into the community, we're asking people that
8 possess child pornography because it is not able to be
9 rehabilitated.

10 The image that he is reported to have possessed in
11 24-CF-164, Count 3, is described as: The male is fully nude,
12 under the males buttock is a toddlers face being slightly sat
13 on. The toddlers fully nude body is laying extended in front
14 of a males body moving around. The adult male's penis is erect
15 and over the toddlers body. The adult male is masturbating and
16 proceeds to ejaculate on the toddlers body. The video ends
17 with the male getting off the toddler and ends the video.

18 Count 4 which he also pled to. Is a one minute thirty-two
19 second full color video with a nude toddler lying in the bed on
20 the left side. The toddler is having a male penis inserted
21 into him, this adult is having anal sex with a toddler for the
22 duration of the one minute thirty-two second video. And
23 typically, I would sit here for a minute and thirty-two seconds
24 so we could apricate how long that is, that a toddler is
25 undergoing that kind of torture, but I think the Court can

1 appreciate the length of what 92 seconds feels like.

2 Count 5, again, Detective Moro indicates that is a child
3 between the ages of two to four years old. One man has his
4 erect penis in this boys mouth making him perform oral sex
5 while the other has his penis against the boys rectum. The
6 video continues with the males performing oral and anal sex and
7 masturbating on the face of a two-to-four-year-old boy.

8 So, Your Honor, when I look at the gravity of the offense,
9 the rehabilitative needs of the defendant and the need to
10 protect the community, this is definitely on the close to
11 maximum scale for the State. I have read the Presentence
12 Investigation recommendations and what they're asking for on
13 each count. I would join in their recommendations with the
14 exception of they're asking the Court to run the two files
15 concurrent to one another, my recommendation is because there
16 are two separate investigations with two separate complaint
17 numbers, that those counts be run consecutive to one another.
18 So the 24-CF-247, the 15 years initial confinement recommended
19 there not be concurrent to the other file number but instead be
20 consecutive. Otherwise, I would join with the requested
21 numbers as articulated on pages 41 through 42 of the
22 Presentence Investigation Report.

23 At this time then I would ask the Court to take Alyssa
24 Zimmerman's statement.

25 THE COURT: One moment before we do. I want to

1 understand, because I did read, obviously, I read everything.
2 In reading the DOC recommendation, the DOC recommends, the
3 Department of Corrections recommends running all the Felony C's
4 concurrent to in both cases, and then all of those consecutive
5 to the Felony D's in both cases. And then also runs the
6 bestiality claim and the exposing genitals claim in -247
7 concurrent to all of those. What you're asking for, I am just
8 trying to understand it in the way that the DOC made their
9 recommendation and what you're recommending. Because the DOC
10 took both cases and, kind of, channeled all the C's and D's and
11 came to its recommendation and then stacked the C's on the D's.
12 Are you also asking for me to stack the C's and the D's,
13 basically, consecutive C's and consecutive D's in 24-CF-164?
14 And then make those consecutive to D's in the other one and
15 make the D's then an additional 15?

16 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: Correct. It was my understanding
17 that the in custody time the DOC was recommending was 40 years
18 initial confinement and the State's recommendation would be 55
19 years initial confinement.

20 THE COURT: All right. Just wanted to make sure what
21 you were asking.

22 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: I appreciate you clarifying.
23 Thank you, Judge.

24 THE COURT: Okay. Now I understand. And I am ready
25 to hear whoever would like to come up.

1 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: All right. Thank you.

2 THE COURT: And ma'am if you can state your name and
3 spell, it for the record when you get seated. And you can
4 adjust that mic, they're very bendable, to a comfortable level.

5 All right, ma'am, if you could state your name and spell,
6 it for the record.

7 MS. ZIMMERMAN: Alyssa Zimmerman, A-L-Y-S-S-A
8 Z-I-M-M-E-R-M-A-N.

9 THE COURT: Thank you, ma'am. What would you like to
10 tell me?

11 MS. ZIMMERMAN: Growing up I was taught police are
12 there to serve and protect the community. To be the people to
13 rely on and trust to guide you through the most unimaginable
14 moments in one's life. The last thing I ever expected was to
15 have not only someone who took that oath but someone whom I
16 considered family to take advantage and destroy all trust.

17 When I got that first call from Detective Moro my heart
18 completely dropped. As a parent, this is the call that you
19 hear of other people getting but never expect to happen to you.
20 My son was actively being investigated as a victim in a crime
21 against children case against someone I considered family. I
22 was completely blindsided and my whole world was turned upside
23 down. My family was already separated, due to my then fiancé
24 being gone for six weeks in North Carolina for canine training.

25 Preston had, what I thought at the time, so graciously

1 stepped up to offer his help with watching my son when needed
2 while I was working. I thought I had the best support system
3 in place to help things go as smoothly as possible while my
4 fiancé was away. In that phone call my support system
5 shattered and the only person I know I can trust was on the
6 other side of the country for another month.

7 When I thought things couldn't get any worse, another
8 phone call comes in. I find out not only is my own child a
9 victim but my dog is too. My dog is not just a dog to me, she
10 helps me live as normal of a life as possible as my service dog
11 and also as a breeding female in my program. Her size,
12 genetics, and disposition produce wonderful family members and
13 some have gone on to be successful service dogs for their
14 handlers.

15 An internal medicine specialist came to my work and
16 performed an internal and external ultrasound on my dog.
17 Thankfully, there were no injuries found and she was cleared to
18 continue in my program and as my service dog.

19 My son was also started in therapy shortly after is ICAC
20 interview as he was showing some behavioral changes and also
21 questioning whether he could actually trust law enforcement.
22 He is now doing very well and thanks to my now husband and
23 those deserving of the badge, he understands that not all cops
24 are bad.

25 This past year has not been easy to say the least. At one

1 point my job was on the line due to the mental toll that this
2 has taken on me. Because of him it has completely uprooted my
3 entire thought process of how I view those I call my family. I
4 am not constantly questioning if there are alterative motives
5 behind what should just be a kind gesture you do for those you
6 love.

7 My family would not be where we are today without the
8 love and support from the brotherhood. The badge that he
9 betrayed. Considering the sexual nature of this crime and the
10 fact that Preston Kite should be held to a higher standard due
11 to the oath that he took to protect and serve I ask that you
12 sentence him to the maximum sentence allowable by law without
13 parole. THE COURT: Thank you, Ma'am.

14 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: And then, Judge, I would just have
15 one correction in the restitution paperwork that we filed.

16 THE COURT: All right.

17 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: The last name should be corrected,
18 and I can amend on the order for the Court, instead of Coles it
19 should be Zimmerman. There has now been a marriage in the
20 intervening time.

21 THE COURT: And that was \$619.50, correct?

22 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: Yes, Judge. Thank you.

23 THE COURT: Thank you.

24 Anyone else you would like to call up here?

25 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: No, Your Honor. Thank you.

1 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

2 Counsel?

3 MR. TSE: Thank you, Your Honor.

4 So my recommendation differs a little bit from the State,
5 or significantly from the State. I am recommending the
6 following: On the C felonies I am recommending a 40 year
7 sentence, bifurcated as 10 years of initial confinement and 30
8 years of extended supervision. On the D felonies I am asking
9 for 25 years sentence, bifurcated into 10 years of initial
10 confinement and 15 years of extended supervision.

11 On the single count of the I felony, one-and-a-half years
12 of initial confinement, followed by two years of extended
13 supervision. And on the single count of the H felony three
14 years of initial confinement and three years of extended
15 supervision. All to run concurrently.

16 This is a difficult case, for the victim, for the
17 community, even for the Court. There is no getting away from
18 the severity of the crime. This is compounded even further by
19 the fact that Mr. Kite was a law enforcement officer. Cast to
20 safeguard the community and our citizens. And I want the Court
21 to know that my recommendation doesn't depreciate from that. I
22 am asking for the maximum penalty. This is a maximum sentence
23 that I am asking for.

24 Mr. Kite is 40 years old, or almost 40 years old. And if
25 the Court follows my recommendation Mr. Kite will be in prison

1 for a decade of his life behind bars. And then supervised for
2 what would effectively be the remainder of his life. The
3 reason I am asking for the bifurcation of 10 years in followed
4 by 30 years of supervision is because I believe, unlike the
5 State, that Mr. Kite's life can be salvaged. Instead of being
6 spent entirely behind bars.

7 So where do I get that kind of recommendation
8 understanding, it comes from the PSI. Now, looking at the PSI,
9 the Department's recommendation was essentially 40 years of
10 confinement. The State's recommendation of 55 years of
11 confinement and I understand the request for that kind of high
12 number of incarceration time. But I want to point out from the
13 PSI itself that Mr. Kite comes back as low risk. That is
14 evident in this Department's own PSI.

15 Now the agent and the PSI does mention that the scores are
16 not really normed for sex offense, which is why I think the
17 follow up report by Dr. Gerick (phonetic) was much more
18 reliable source of information and the analysis of Mr. Kite's
19 history and trauma, things of that nature. Now Dr. Gerick
20 (phonetic) is not a legal expert he is a psychologist and so he
21 doesn't really make a prison recommendation or any sort of
22 recommendation for incarceration. What he does is really just
23 run Mr. Kite through a litany of tests that come up with a
24 diagnosis, risk assessment and things that were relevant to the
25 Court making their decision today.

1 And one of the interesting pieces of information that I
2 wanted to point out by Mr. Gerick (phonetic) is he insight of
3 Mr. Kite trauma. Now Mr. Kite grew up in a very chaotic
4 household. Both biological parents have severe addiction
5 issues. His stepfather in his later relationship with the
6 mother or the mother's later relationship with the stepfather
7 also exhibited physical, emotional abuse, and substance abuse.
8 However, Mr. Kite despite all of this, was able to graduate
9 high school with a 3.8 GPA, according to him.

10 He further then enlists in the army in 2007 at the height
11 of the Iraq war. Which of course, as the PSI in both cases
12 mention, further trauma Mr. Kite experienced in the form of not
13 only sexual assault happening to him by a superior officer, but
14 the IEDs and the being shot at, essentially.

15 Even after coming home Mr. Kite goes into kind of an
16 abusive relationship with his ex-husband that was physically
17 abusive and emotionally abusive. And at every low point,
18 according to Mr. Kite and the PSI reports, is that Mr. Kite
19 turns to pornography and casual sexual encounters with, and at
20 that time, with age appropriate strangers, and in his words, to
21 cope.

22 Now Dr. Gerick (phonetic) doesn't really include porn
23 addition as a diagnosis because under the DSM-5 that's not a
24 diagnosis that is available to them. It is not considered a
25 disorder. However, I want the Court to know that under the

1 World Health Organization porn addiction is considered a
2 behavioral kind of issue. Specifically, it is under an impulse
3 control disorder. So whether or not we subscribe to the, kind
4 of, porn addiction being a real thing or not, one thing I want
5 to point out is these facts.

6 Mr. Kite's parents all exhibited addiction issues but
7 Mr. Kite does not drink or consume illegal drugs. And what we
8 do know about addiction is that addiction runs in the family.
9 It can happen from father to mother to child and so on and so
10 forth. And what we also see if Mr. Kite's behavior of using
11 these coping mechanisms during times of low is also consistent
12 with addictive personalities. So if we are looking at this as
13 of a perspective of addiction, treatment rather than
14 incarceration is what's needed to change the behavior.

15 So moving forward to another point in the PSI is I want to
16 talk about, kind of, the scores that came up with the risk
17 analysis. And even with the more rigorous testing by
18 Dr. Gerick (phonetic) Mr. Kite comes back as a low to moderate
19 risk to reoffend. With the risk decreasing exponentially as he
20 moves past the age of 40. This is also consistent with, kind
21 of, the reports that on recidivism and especially recidivism
22 rates in sex offences as it relates to age. As a person ages
23 onward the likelihood of sexual offense recidivism is lowered.

24 And so I want to point out that Mr. Kite's specific risk
25 for reoffending with sex offense is low and even lower to

1 reoffend with a contact sexual offense. And if the risk of
2 reoffending is low, then the period of incarceration that I am
3 recommending is appropriate given the certain age gap of --
4 kind of the age timeline of when Mr. Kite would still have some
5 risk in terms of reoffending. But after the age of 50 because
6 of the 10 years of incarceration, essentially closer to the age
7 of 50, supervision would be appropriate given the risk levels
8 that we see in the report.

9 Judge, a decade is long time, 40 years is longer still.
10 And if the Court adopts my recommendation Mr. Kite would have
11 spent, essentially, a quarter of his life in custody. My
12 recommendation serves as a punishment, with the decade behind
13 bars, it serves as a reminder to the community that this is not
14 tolerated. To Mr. Kite that this is not tolerated and that he
15 betrayed the communities trust.

16 My recommendation also serves to protect the public with
17 supervision that will effectively last for Mr. Kite entirety of
18 his life. Again, this is a maximum penalty that I am asking
19 for. Mr. Kite is not asking for any sort of leniency, mercy,
20 he understand the nature of this offense. And he is agreeing
21 to these maximum penalties. And whether anyone or whomever
22 believes him or not I believe he is truly remorseful of his
23 crimes.

24 And I think Mr. Kite would like to speak. Thank you, Your
25 Honor.

1 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

2 Mr. Kite?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Your Honor.

4 The media has labeled me a monster and due to the
5 seriousness of these allegations I can understand why. So I
6 would like to begin by saying I apologize for my role in
7 continuation of harm for the victims in those videos and for
8 betraying the trust of everybody in this community.

9 Furthermore I apologize to this Court, all the employees
10 of Racine County, and law enforcement in general for the
11 embarrassment and pain that I caused them. Finally, I
12 apologize to my friends and my family whose lives I have turned
13 upside down with grief and sadness.

14 Your Honor, the months leading up to my arrest my mental
15 health was in a very dark downward spiral. I was just very
16 down and -- I'm sorry I'm just trying to catch my breath here.
17 And no matter what I did even reached out to supervision to get
18 some advice, none was given and there was no follow up. I
19 became sexually reckless in an attempt -- in an attempt to make
20 myself feel better and escape my realities. I was having
21 multiple sexual partners including two other deputy's and a
22 supervisor within my own department. And an ADA from a
23 neighboring county who encouraged me to go to a rest stop to
24 engage in sexual activity that he partaked in himself.

25 Putting this all together, anywhere I went I had this

1 addiction issue and it followed me to my professional life. I
2 was a good cop and I let that get before me. The material
3 itself is repugnant and was never my goal. It was a tool in
4 seeking sexual attention in the wrong places and from the wrong
5 people. That's why I know that with mental health treatment
6 and rehab that recovery is possible. And not a day goes by
7 where I don't hate my situation or myself for my actions and my
8 words that hurt other people that I cared about deeply. I love
9 them and I -- and I hurt because I hurt them. And like I said,
10 Your Honor, I know what the media says about me but I'd like to
11 tell you that I am indeed a human being, a flawed one at that,
12 but nonetheless human.

13 Thank you.

14 THE COURT: Thank you.

15 Well I don't believe for a second that you don't enjoy the
16 child pornography that was found on your devices. And I'll
17 tell you why. I don't believe that you used or maybe partially
18 used it to attract other men. But let's take the instance of
19 your friend Adam Westbrook and what happened at Mount Olympus
20 with his adopted five year old. You were a sworn officer.
21 You wore that uniform. You got that image from your friend
22 who you knew was into child pornography. It happened days
23 before you got it. What do you do to protect the child? You
24 knew where they were, you knew who had him, and you knew what
25 was going onto that child in Wisconsin at the Dells.

1 You didn't pick up the phone. You didn't do anything to
2 save that kid. You should be ashamed of yourself. That was
3 your duty. You did nothing. Other than get the child
4 pornography. Encourage a friend to give more. While that
5 little kid was being victimized. You knew Adam Westbrook from
6 way back in school. You weren't trying to get Adam Westbrook's
7 attention because Adam Westbrook was married. Maybe you were
8 but when you say that you got these images because you wanted
9 another adults attention, what's going on with Adam and Mount
10 Olympus gives a lie to that in my view.

11 The images you had are disgusting. They're two and four
12 year old's getting raped. I don't know how anyone can look at
13 it, or want to look at it, or enjoy and masturbate to it, but
14 that's you. That's in your heart.

15 I got these letters from your family and it made me think,
16 did they read the complaints? Do they know what you did? Do
17 they know that you didn't try to save that child at Mount
18 Olympus? Do anything to protect the kid? Except get the
19 images and enjoy them.

20 I've got letters from your brother; I've got letters from
21 your grandmother and their nice letters and that person is in
22 there somewhere. You made the news by being able to sign to
23 deaf people. It's a wonderful skill. In light of what you've
24 admitted to here and why you're here. The fact that you took
25 it upon yourself to see a deaf child sign and meet the family,

1 it puts it in a different perspective for me. Did you want to
2 meet the deaf child's family to sign with him or did you want
3 to groom him. This is all going around in the background of
4 you being a sworn officer.

5 And then you're riding around in the vehicle, with that
6 uniform on, exposing yourself to people. Trying to get
7 attention from other men. Going into bathrooms with your penis
8 out in uniform. So not only are you not protecting the
9 innocent, that you know are in harm's way, you're also being a
10 complete sexual reprobate in the uniform. I am not really sure
11 why you took the job. Maybe because you wanted people to
12 respect you in the uniform, but then you used it as a way to
13 pick up men. And it wouldn't matter if it was men or women or
14 whatever adults it's not why you're out there patrolling.

15 In the letter from Paul Robaka (phonetic) he displays
16 compassion and understanding for those in need. Preston has
17 helped myself and my family several times when needed to care
18 for our pets and home when we were out of town. Well we see
19 what kind of care you gave to pets when you went to the
20 Zimmerman's house. Your brother had very nice things to say
21 about you, obviously he loves you. He says you have dedicated
22 yourself to helping those in need and serving his community in
23 whatever way he could. I don't think your brother read the
24 Adam Westbrook account of what happened at Olympus because
25 that's not what you did. You didn't help someone in need.

1 These things that your brother is writing about you maybe they
2 were true at some point but when it got in the way of you and
3 your sexual pleasure or whatever porn you wanted, child porn,
4 child rape porn, it didn't matter. None of it mattered.

5 You served your country; I respect you for that. I
6 respect you for trying to serve in Racine County but you did
7 far more harm than I can see that you ever did good here. And
8 when I look at the sentence here there has to be, obviously, a
9 strong, strong, strong deterrent for people in uniform not
10 doing what you did. The disgrace you showed to the uniform, to
11 the vows that people take to do what you do. You threw that
12 all away.

13 You tarnished Racine County Sheriff's Department by what
14 you did. And sworn officers everywhere. It gives people the
15 impression that there's maybe not just one Preston Kite out
16 there in uniform maybe there's lots of Preston Kite's. And
17 that harms the community. That harms the trust people have.
18 In allowing their vulnerable children to be protected and want
19 to be protected. I tell my kids from a young age if there is a
20 problem run to law enforcement, they will help you. If they
21 ran to you, I don't know what would happen to them. And that's
22 why this is such a heightened -- that's why Attorney
23 Tanck-Adams is arguing for what she's arguing for for the
24 State.

25 The gravity of your offense, it couldn't be graver. The

1 need for protection of the public couldn't be me dear
2 considering again what you're trading in -- and I didn't even
3 get to that. I focused on Mount Olympus and you driving around
4 in your vehicle. But the children that were victimized, you're
5 trading it, you're trying to get more, you're encouraging
6 people and talking about it on the chat rooms about what you
7 got. And you keep asking for, I want younger. The other guy
8 responds, oh that was great that person went really deep.

9 For all you know these children died after these episodes
10 or were killed. You didn't do any investigation on that
11 either. And I'm not even getting to the part where you're
12 getting all of these child pornographies, all these children in
13 need, all these children that have been harmed, hurt, abused,
14 treated like garbage. You did nothing to fix that, you didn't
15 do anything. The people you're chatting with, you're an
16 officer, what do you do to find those people and bring them to
17 justice? You tried to find more of them to trade with. That's
18 the exact opposite of what you were supposed to do as an
19 officer. And just on its own, if you weren't a sworn officer
20 at the time this would already be way beyond the scale of
21 horrible, but add to the fact that all your duties that you
22 have.

23 The seriousness, it couldn't be more serious. The
24 punishment aspect of this, the need for punishment, you're
25 rehabilitative need certainly in a confined setting. But what

1 your attorney is arguing for is -- no. What Attorney
2 Tanck-Adams argued for is exactly what the Court is going to do
3 with some modifications, slightly. Because you're going to get
4 the maximum on the Class C's from the first case and the D's,
5 the DOC didn't get give you the maximum. The DOC was short on
6 the child porn maximum at 33 years. And then I am going to run
7 consecutive the charges that happen that involve Mount Olympus
8 and the child porn that you got from that. That's going to be
9 consecutive to the other two Class C's and D's that are run
10 consecutive.

11 So I am going to unpack this. And I want to make sure I
12 say it right so I will let the attorneys make sure that I get
13 what I want out. But Class C's and D's are consecutive to each
14 other in case 24-CF-164. So all Class C's in case 24-CF-164
15 are concurrent to each other. Those Class C's will be
16 consecutive to the Class D's in 24-CF-164, but all the Class
17 D's will be concurrent to each other. And the sentence will be
18 the maximum on Class C and Class D, 40 years with 25 years of
19 initial confinement, which is the maximum confinement under the
20 law. And 15 years of extended supervision.

21 Under the Class D's in that case also the maximum of the
22 25 years, also the maximum confinement I can give under the
23 statutes which is 15 years and 10 years of extended supervision
24 in that case. So in confinement time you're right now looking
25 at 40 years.

1 Let's get to the next case. Case 24-CF-247, Counts 1-5
2 are Class D felonies -- I'm sorry, Counts 1-4 are Class D
3 felonies. Those will all run concurrent to each other.
4 Sentence will be the maximum of 25 years, 15 confinement, 10
5 extended supervision. That will run consecutive to the Class
6 C's and Class D's from the other case. And that's as Attorney
7 Tanck-Adams said, that was 55 years of confinement. The rest
8 is extended supervision. Lifetime GPS. Lifetime sex offender
9 registry.

10 As far as the other two charges, those will be concurrent.
11 So in case 24-CF-247, exposing genitals will be run concurrent
12 to the other sentences. As well as, the bestiality in that
13 case. And those sentences for those two will be: For the
14 exposing genitals Count 5 of 24-CF-247 will be a total of three
15 years and six months, 1.5 years confinement, two years of
16 extended supervision. Running concurrent to everything else.
17 Bestiality charge, five years concurrent to all the other
18 charges, three years confinement and two years of extended
19 supervision.

20 For the terms of extended supervision, no drugs or
21 alcohol. Obviously, register as a sex offender, comply with
22 the sex offender registry programs. Complete sex offender
23 treatment assessment and follow through while confined, or
24 while on extended supervision. No contact with minors
25 including your own children, you don't currently have any, or

1 minor relatives with prior agent approval. Not to possess nor
2 view any material that depicts any intimate parts of an adult
3 or a child. Not to gain or attempt to gain access to the
4 internet without prior agent approval. Not to have contact or
5 attempt contact with Adam Westbrook, Jacob Woodrow, Noah Theil,
6 or any other alleged co-conspirers. Not to have contact or
7 attempt contact with Piero Palomino (phonetic), Alyssa Danae
8 Coles, Mitchell Alexander Rulienski (phonetic), William Isaac
9 Zimmerman, Asher Westbrook, Michael Westbrook, or any other
10 victims and their families.

11 Comply with case goals. Related to identify criminology
12 needs, bail, and court obligations, restitution. Pay the
13 restitution to the Zimmerman's of \$619.50. Pay all the Court
14 costs. And then programming at the discretion of the agent,
15 full time work, school, or treatment. When and on extended
16 supervision, Attorney Tanck-Adams, do I need to add something
17 there?

18 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: Judge, I am sure that the Court did
19 this at the time of the change of the plea but I wasn't the
20 Attorney of Record then.

21 THE COURT: Again, I will read the felony warnings.

22 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: Thank you.

23 THE COURT: Yeah, I did.

24 Sir, you are a convicted felon. Can't possess a firearm.
25 If you do, it's a \$25,000 fine and 10 years in prison. You

1 can't vote in any State, Federal, or Local election. And you
2 need to comply with the sex offender registry.

3 I think that then covers it, Attorney Tanck-Adams?

4 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: Yes, thank you.

5 THE COURT: All right. With that we will go off the
6 record.

7 We'll go back on the record, what do you need?

8 MR. TSE: Your Honor, I just wanted to clarify, are
9 you asking for lifetime supervision? Are you granting lifetime
10 supervision, I know that is something the State asked for? The
11 reason I say this is because under Wisconsin Statute 973.125,
12 if the prosecutor was seeking lifetime supervision, they had to
13 provide notice under 9.615 prior to our agreement. I don't
14 know if in your sentencing that you requested that because you
15 just said lifetime registry.

16 THE COURT: It's the first time someone's mentioned
17 it. When this was plead out there was a different attorney.
18 That was the first I heard of it so I'll take argument on that.

19 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: Judge, I just did a sentencing in
20 front of Judge Dougville, it's DOC. They're going to write a
21 letter and say because he plead to more than one crime in more
22 than one file it's automatic lifetime registry. It's a
23 collateral consequence.

24 THE COURT: And I ordered lifetime registry.

25 So you don't think it was properly noticed?

1 MR. TSE: I don't think it was properly noticed,
2 however if you're asking for lifetime sex offender registry
3 that's a different thing. Lifetime supervision and lifetime
4 sex offender registry.

5 THE COURT: I ordered lifetime sex offender
6 registration.

7 MR. TSE: Correct.

8 THE COURT: I didn't order lifetime supervision. So
9 I don't believe that was asked for, was it?

10 MR. TSE: Then it shouldn't matter.

11 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: No, no I was referring to sex
12 offender registry.

13 MR. TSE: Okay.

14 THE COURT: Okay. And that's what I had written
15 down.

16 MR. TSE: Okay. I just wanted to make sure that.

17 The second thing, Your Honor, one thing I didn't do was
18 credit.

19 THE COURT: He'll get credit for all the time that he
20 has served, he's owed that. So do we have a number that you
21 guys agree on for credit?

22 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: I didn't look it up.

23 THE COURT: Do you want to get it on the record and
24 have us calculate it? I am giving him credit for everything
25 he's done, certainly, he's entitled to that.

1 MR. TSE: Right. Your Honor, I would just say if we
2 can come to an agreement later.

3 MS. TANCK-ADAMS: Sure.

4 MR. TSE: And I'll just file something with the
5 Court?

6 THE COURT: All right.

7 MR. TSE: And just leave that open for now.

8 THE COURT: As long as you are in agreement. If not,
9 we can come back and argue over it. I'll give you the
10 opportunity to keep that issue open.

11 MR. TSE: Thank you.

12 THE COURT: Anything else, Counsel?

13 MR. TSE: Nothing else, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: All right. We'll go off the record.

15 (Proceedings concluded at 2:18 p.m.)

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Your Honor,

I am writing to you today as a loving brother. Preston Kenneth Robert Kite, who has been incarcerated for over a year while awaiting his verdict. I understand the seriousness of the charges he faces, but I also feel compelled to share my deep belief that he has suffered greatly from his actions and has paid a significant price for his mistake.

Preston has always been a man of integrity and service. He is a proud veteran of the Iraq War, where he served selflessly, putting the needs of others before his own. Since returning home, he has consistently dedicated himself to helping those in need and serving his community in whatever way he could. His commitment to public service, especially as a caretaker for our grandparents who raised us, has shaped him into someone who deeply values family and responsibility.

He is not the man he was when he made the choice that led to his current situation. This time in prison has had a profound impact on him, and I truly believe it has shown him the gravity of his actions. The pain he feels from letting down those who love him (especially our family) has humbled him. He has expressed his remorse, and I am confident that he will never repeat his mistake.

Preston is the kind of person who would give his last dollar to someone in need, and I have no doubt that he will continue to be a positive influence on those around him once he is given the opportunity. I believe he is ready to reintegrate into society as an exemplary citizen and contribute positively, especially through his commitment to helping others and providing support to our family.

I humbly ask that you consider a sentence of probation for Preston, as I believe he will continue to show remorse and dedication to making things right. I have always looked up to my older brother, and I know that he is capable of being the person he once was, if not a better one. He has already paid a heavy price, and I firmly believe he is ready to move forward in a positive direction.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I sincerely hope you will consider my request and offer my brother a second chance to prove that he has truly learned from his past.

Sincerely His Brother,

Joseph Crumley

Your Honor:

I am writing to you as the grandmother of Preston Kite, who is currently awaiting sentencing in your court. I know that justice must be served and I deeply respect the law, but I would also want to share some important things about my grandson that might help you see the full picture of the person standing before you.

Preston is not only a kind and loving grandson, but is a man who so many times has been there for so many others. When he was in high school Preston taught himself sign language so he could communicate with his classmates, Preston went on to use this self taught skill in his time in the army when needed and again for

for the sheriff's department if needed. He proudly served in the military his time in the service left him with seen and unseen wounds. He struggled with PTSD. Even with these challenges he worked very hard and became a sheriff on his own, a career he truly loved, because he could be there when people needed help.

I know Preston has made mistakes and takes full responsibility for them as he should. But I know his heart. He is a man of integrity who has always tried to do the right thing, even when facing his personal struggles. I really believe if given the chance he can use this experience to grow and become a positive impact on things to come.

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Honorable Judge,

My name is Paula Robotka, and I am a Treatment Sergeant at Ellsworth Correctional Center where I have been employed for 30 years. I am also a recently retired member of the Union Grove-Yorkville Volunteer Fire Department where I served as an EMT and Lieutenant of EMS. I have known Preston Kite for approximately two years, as I am his neighbor and have also responded to many fire, rescue and accident incidents with him while he was a Racine County Sheriff Deputy.

I value our judicial system and understand that Preston has been charged with a crime. I very much respect the weight that falls on you to ensure a balance between accountability and redemption. I am writing this letter in hopes of offering a more complete picture of who Preston is as a person.

While responding to Fire and EMS incidents with Preston, I observed on numerous occasions his ability to communicate effectively with those in crisis. He displays compassion and understanding to those in need. He is always a calm presence and treats everyone, including coworkers, fire personnel and patients with dignity and respect. He is a genuinely kind person who is accepting of others.

Preston has helped myself and my family several times when we needed him to care for our pets and home when we were out of town. Even when family circumstances forced us to travel unexpectedly, he took time out of his days to do what was needed. Because of him we were able to focus on our family emergency, knowing he was there to take care of everything in our home.

One of the five universal truths is that everyone wants a second chance to do the right thing. I truly believe that if anyone would make the most of that chance, it is Preston. If he is given the opportunity to rebuild his life and give back, he will not take it lightly. He has a lot of good to offer this world, and has the potential to once again to become a respected, contributing member of his community.

Thank you for your consideration,



Paula Robotka

Your Honor thank you so very much for taking the time to read my letter. I know your job is not an easy one. I ask for your compassion and fairness when considering Preston's sentence. I know that rehabilitation and support rather than a harsh punishment would allow him to continue contributing to society and healing from the burdens he has carried for so long. Again thank-you for your time and for considering my plea.

Sincerely
Suzan Dage

March 1, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this character reference on behalf of my friend Preston Kite who I've known for over seven years. We met when he was a server at one of my Husband and my favorite eateries. Also he and our Daughter attended the same university and had several Criminology courses together.

Over the years Preston has been only loving and kind to me. During my Husband's long illness with Alzheimer's he was a great support to me. It meant the world to me and Charlie my Husband that he would even visit him when he was a patient in a care facility. Preston would bring his dog along for his visits which Charlie loved! Charlie always recognized him and loved his visits.

It was always clear to me that Preston wanted to work in law enforcement. He studied to prepare himself for that, and diligently pursued it. I was thrilled for him when he got such a position because I knew his dream had come true.

I knew Preston to be a very loving Grandson to his Grandma and Grandpa. They lived in another state and he would visit them often. His Grandma was ill and he always expressed concern for her as well as his Grandpa who cared for her. Without success he tried to convince them to come live with him so that he could directly give them more care and attention.

Preston has been a source of love, kindness, and joy in my life. We have each moved away from Milwaukee where we met, and I miss him very much. Should you wish to contact me, here is my information: Rhunette Humrich, 581 Oxford Road, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745. My telephone number is 708/805-0917, and my email address is rhumrich@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



Rhunette Humrich

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Preston Kite for many years. He worked for me at the Oak

Creek Diner. He is a great person, and I would recommend him highly.

He is a very compassionate person and would trust my life with him.

I have never known him to be anything but a gentleman and has always treated me and my family well.

Terri Jacob

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terri Jacob", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter with the intention of providing insight into the true character of Preston Kite, despite the accusations that have led us to this point. My aim is to help you see the genuine person behind the accusations.

I have had the privilege of knowing Preston for three years now, and he has become one of my closest friends. We were initially introduced through a mutual friend who connected us due to my interest in a career change. As I was looking to pursue a career in Law Enforcement, Preston became my invaluable source of information, guidance, and motivation throughout this transformative journey. From the moment we first met, it felt as though we had been friends for a lifetime. Preston's passion for his career and his eagerness to assist me were evident.

Over the course of these two years, I have witnessed various aspects of Preston's personality. I have consistently found him to be remarkably kind, reliable, and highly regarded by both his family and peers. He took immense pride in his work and in his ability to make a unique difference by aiding the hearing-impaired through his knowledge of sign language. Preston's achievements in this area were a source of great pride for him.

Furthermore, Preston proved to be an invaluable support system when I tragically lost my brother in a motorcycle accident July 4th, 2023. He assisted me throughout the grieving process and was always there to lend an ear whenever I needed to talk. Given that my brother was a retired army veteran and recipient of the Purple Heart award, Preston was able to empathize with my situation, being a veteran himself.

This man entered my life, offering his help and guidance. Our paths crossing has been a true blessing, one that has had a profound impact on my life, despite the relatively short time we have known each other. Preston has dedicated his life to serving our country and his community, and I am immensely proud to call him not just a friend, but a brother.

I kindly request that you take into consideration the positive aspects of Preston's character that I have outlined in this letter. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Mark O.

28 Feb 2024

It is my hope that this
letter along with enclosed
newspaper articles will help
clarify facts regarding the
behavior of Preston Kite.

I have known this individual
for over 6 years - he stopped
his vehicle near my drive way
as I was struggling to move my
garbage & recycle bins to my
garage. At age 84 & using a cane
- it was not easy. He was
helpful & kind & gave me his card
with contact info that I still have.
Some months later I called him
& asked him to stop by my house

He did so. We had a conversation
& I thanked him for his kindness and
help. We hugged, I presented
him with a quilt & a bag of
seasoned pretzels. He left
opening the pretzel bag, tossed the
quilt in his truck. That was
the last time I actually saw
him.

God Bless
my hope & prayers
are with him & his
team as we try to
help him.

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the deaf community

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RACINE — Deputy Preston Kite is the only law enforcement official at the Racine County Sheriff's Office who knows American Sign Language.

Kite started his career in law enforcement with RCSO more than four years ago, and said he has met more deaf people in Racine County than he anticipated.

"One of my supervisors didn't realize that there were as many deaf people in the county until I worked here," Kite said. "He's surprised by the amount of times I'm called out somewhere."

Kite said he was introduced to ASL in first grade, when his class had to learn how to sign the alphabet for a play.

He further developed his signing in high school with help from friends who were deaf.

"They would get frustrated with me because I would spell out my whole sentence to them," Kite said. "So then they would teach me word for word, each word that I would sign, they would teach me that sign."

Kite took a formal ASL class while studying at Marquette University in Milwaukee and has since had plenty of opportunities to practice his skills at work.

Kite remembers one call when he assisted an officer who had pulled over a deaf woman driving on the interstate.

In order for the woman to see and communicate with the deputies, Kite asked his partner to shine his flashlight on him, rather than on the woman in the vehicle.

"I walk up to the car, and I hand my partner my flashlight, and I said, 'Here, point this at me,'" Kite said. "You have to come out of your comfort zone a little bit."

In November, Kite went out of his way to meet a family with a deaf child in Union Grove while he was investigating another call.

He saw a "Deaf Child" street sign, asked a neighbor if she knew which house that family lived in, and then introduced himself.

A story about Kite's interaction with the family was posted on RCSO's Facebook page a few weeks later.

The family praised Kite for his kindness, saying he left them his card and told them to reach out



Racine County Sheriff's Office Deputy Preston Kite signs "I love you," which is a common sign deaf people use when waving at other deaf people they know, according to Kite. He is the only RCSO deputy who knows American Sign Language.

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if their child ever wanted to meet him.

Public Information Officer Lt. Michael Luell said the RCSO's Training Unit is considering having Kite train deputies on some basic ASL skills. The Racine County Communications Center also has policies, procedures and technology that assist with calls from people with disabilities, he said.

At the moment, though, while Kite is a "tremendous resource," Luell said he is not always available to provide assistance.

"Therefore, deputies must be

dictable situations which includes people with disabilities, people in a mental health crisis, people in long-term relationship problems, people battling (addictions), people who do not speak English, and much more," he said.

City of Racine police officers mainly use pen and paper to communicate with people who are deaf or hard of hearing, according to Racine Police Department Public Information Officer Sgt. Kristi Wilcox.

Some officers have also used various translator apps with

Kite said it is important to connect with the deaf community, as well as other communities who may not have the best relationships with law enforcement.

"The deaf community kind of bumps heads with cops just simply because of the communication (issues)," he said. "The deaf person can't hear you, so (officers) have to be cognizant of that."

Connecting with everyone in the community is important, Kite said, because "it shows both sides that people are still people, regardless of disabilities."