

STATE OF MARYLAND

* IN THE

v.

* CIRCUIT COURT FOR

JAMES L. WAHLGREN

* CALVERT COUNTY

Defendant

* CASE NO.:

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CRIMINAL INFORMATION

THE STATE PROSECUTOR for the State of Maryland informs and charges the Defendant, JAMES L. WAHLGREN, with having committed the following offenses:

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

At all times relevant to this Information:

1. James L. Wahlgren (“WAHLGREN”) has served as a sworn law enforcement officer in the Calvert County Sheriff’s Office (the “Office”) since November 1999. WAHLGREN was promoted to Corporal in 2007, a supervisory position within the Office.

2. On March 8, 2022, WAHLGREN responded to J.B.’s residence in response to J.B.’s call to 911 requesting police assistance. On that date, WAHLGREN transported J.B. to the hospital and provided J.B. with his business card, which included his Office issued cell phone number.

3. On March 13, 2022, WAHLGREN was on duty from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. At approximately 8:41 a.m., J.B. called WAHLGREN’s Office issued cell phone. J.B. explained to WAHLGREN that she and her husband were having a domestic dispute and requested police assistance at their residence. WAHLGREN responded to J.B.’s residence in his marked police vehicle and police uniform.

4. Shortly thereafter, WAHLGREN transported J.B., in his police vehicle, to a nearby hotel in Prince Frederick, Maryland.

5. WAHLGREN entered the hotel with J.B. and at approximately 10:35 a.m., entered J.B.'s hotel room. While inside of J.B.'s hotel room, WAHLGREN engaged in sexual intercourse with J.B.

6. At all times relevant herein, WAHLGREN was acting in the course of his official law enforcement duties as an on-duty Corporal with the Office.

COUNT ONE
(Misconduct in Office)

7. On or about May 13, 2022, in Calvert County, Maryland, JAMES L. WAHLGREN, in violation and perversion of his duties as a sworn law enforcement officer, did corruptly commit misconduct in office by knowingly, willfully, and intentionally acting in his official capacity as a law enforcement officer and engaging in sexual intercourse with J.B., a person requesting assistance from WAHLGREN in the course of his official duties, in violation of the Common Law of Maryland and against the peace, government, and dignity of the State.

Common Law
CJIS Code 2-0645
Penalty: Anything not cruel and unusual

COUNT TWO
(Law Enforcement Officer's Sexual Act with Person in Custody)

8. On or about May 13, 2022, in Calvert County, Maryland, JAMES L. WAHLGREN, did, as a law enforcement officer, engage in vaginal intercourse with J.B., a person requesting assistance from WAHLGREN in the course of his official law enforcement duties, in violation of Criminal Law Article § 3-314 and against the peace, government, and dignity of the State.

CR 3-314
CJIS Code 1-1462
Penalty: 3 years and/or \$3,000

Respectfully Submitted,
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REQUEST FOR SUMMONS

PLEASE ISSUE a criminal summons in this case for the Defendant, JAMES L. WAHLGREN, to be issued to counsel for JAMES L. WAHLGREN, Shaun F. Owens, Esquire, at the following address:

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TO THE PERSON CHARGED:

1. This paper charges you with committing a crime.
2. If you have been arrested and remain in custody, you have the right to have a judicial officer decide whether you should be released from jail until your trial.
3. If you have been served with a citation or summons directing you to appear before a judicial officer for a preliminary inquiry at a date and time designated or within five days of service if no time is designated, a judicial officer will advise you of your rights, the charges against you, and penalties. The preliminary inquiry will be cancelled if a lawyer has entered an appearance to represent you.
4. You have the right to have a lawyer.
5. A lawyer can be helpful to you by:
 - (A) explaining the charges in this paper;
 - (B) telling you the possible penalties;
 - (C) explaining any potential collateral consequences of a conviction, including immigration consequences;
 - (D) helping you at trial;
 - (E) helping you protect your constitutional rights; and
 - (F) helping you to get a fair penalty if convicted.
6. Even if you plan to plead guilty, a lawyer can be helpful.
7. If you are eligible, the Public Defender or a court-appointed attorney will represent you at any initial appearance before a judicial officer and at any proceeding under Rule 4-216.2 to review an order of a District Court commissioner regarding pretrial release. If you want a lawyer for any further proceeding, including trial, but do not have the money to hire one, the Public Defender may provide a lawyer for you. To apply for Public Defender representation, contact a District Court commissioner.
8. If you want a lawyer but you cannot get one and the Public Defender will not provide one for you, contact the court clerk as soon as possible.
9. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DATE OF YOUR TRIAL TO GET A LAWYER.** If you do not have a lawyer before the trial date, you may have to go to trial without one.

Defendant

Date/Time