

MINUTES
SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCE BOARD
Wednesday, March 12, 2014
City Hall, Room 310
2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean Gerondale, Ben Heiman, Renee Keehan,
Kathy De Cremer

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Heidi Michel

The meeting was called to order by Dean Gerondale.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND MODIFY AGENDA

Motion made by Renee Keehan to approve the February 18, 2013 Minutes, seconded by Kathy De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ben Heiman to withdraw the appeal of Allen Leonhardt to move to 1124 Meacham Street, seconded by Kathy De Cremer. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. APPEALS

- a. Appeal of Haisan Williams requesting to move to 813 N. Broadway

Haisan appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Haisan of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Dean asked Haisan if he was homeless. Haisan said he does not have an address. Renee Keehan indicated it shows he is registered at this address with the Department of Corrections. Haisan acknowledged he paid rent for last month, but because he was unable to appear before the board at that time, he hasn't been living there but just uses it to get mail.

Haisan was sentenced to five years for the sexual offense, but served seventeen years because he had a total twenty five year sentence. He was charged with arson and recklessly endangering which were combined with the sexual offense charge.

Haisan was released October 22, 2013. Since then he's been trying to find work and get assimilated into society after being gone for almost two decades. Dean asked Haisan why he hasn't come before the board before now since he was released in October. Haisan stated he was living at a hotel. He had an interstate compact that didn't go through. He was never offered the TLP.

Haisan stated he had sex with an underage girl who was at his apartment when he came home from work. They had met previously. He offered her a ride home. They went to a restaurant to eat and she expressed an interest in him. Haisan knew it was inappropriate for him to respond, but he looked at it as an opportunity to have an encounter. They drove to an isolated area and had sexual relations. Haisan was 25 years old at the time. He knew the victim was 15. The victim reported it to her mother. It was a one time occurrence.

Renee Keehan asked how the arson charge is related to the sexual offense charge. Haisan stated that when he became aware the victim told her mother about the encounter, and the mother called his house and threatened to report him, Haisan and his roommate thought it was a way to prevent him from being reported, so they set the house on fire. It was meant to be a distraction, but it turned out to be a lot worse. Haisan was not drunk or on drugs at the time.

Motion made by Kathy De Cremer and seconded by Ben Heiman to move into closed session to discuss Haisan's treatment, pursuant to Section 146.82(1), Wis. Stats. All in favor. Motion carried. A motion is made by Renee Keehan and seconded by Ben Heiman to return to open session. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dean Gerondale asked Haisan about his appearance before the board in 2010 when he was trying to get into the TLP. Did Haisan get reincarcerated? Haisan stated "no." At that time, he was being considered for parole and he was trying to get everything lined up in order to transition back into the community. Haisan thought the TLP would be a good option at the time. However, it was premature and inappropriate at that time.

Haisan is currently employed at Nakashima (just started there) and also does temp work through Labor Ready (since he was released).

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Haisan Williams, address specific, was made by Dean Gerondale, seconded by Kathy De Cremer.

Renee Keehan asked if this was an apartment building. Haisan stated it was multi-family (four units). He will be in the upper rear apartment.

All in favor. Motion carried.

- b. Appeal of Brian Steffel requesting to move to 706 Mather Street, Apt. 4

Brian appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Brian of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Brian has been staying off and on at the Motel 6, the Bay Motel and with friends. He also lived with his fiancé for about three months. Brian has a new parole officer and she wants Brian to be more independent and get reintegrated with his family.

Brian did not appear before the board on May 8 because that apartment option fell through. He did not have a job at the time and the landlord would not rent to him because of that. Brian is currently employed at 7-Up Bottling Company. He's been there since September 2013.

Dean asked Brian why he would spend six months in a motel and not come before the board before now. Brian stated he has been trying to find an apartment. Recently, out of the blue, a previous landlord called to see if Brian still needed a place to rent, as he now had one available. Brian rented from him previously for about four years.

Renee Keehan asked if this was an apartment complex. Brian said it was a four-plex. Renee pointed out that a sex offender already lives here. Brian does not know any of the tenants, but stated the landlord works with the Department of Corrections to help place sex offenders. The landlord has told Brian no children live here. This is the same landlord Brian had when he lived on Moraine Way.

Dean's only concern is the fact that Brian has been moving around. Brian stated he worked at Capstone Logistics before going to 7-Up. Renee asked why this same landlord didn't offer Brian a place to rent sooner. Brian said none if the apartments were within his price range. This is a one bedroom, which he can afford.

Brian stated he is still currently engaged but can't live with his fiancé because his new parole officer is stricter. Brian does not own a vehicle. He uses the city bus system or depends on friends and family.

A motion to approve the appeal of Brian Steffel, address specific, was made by Renee Keehan, seconded by Ben Heiman. None for, four against. Motion failed.

Dean stated he is not so much against it, but his concern is with the lack of consistency in Brian's life. Dean would like to amend the motion to approve him for 90 days to see if Brian is still employed after that time.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Brian Steffel, address specific, for a period of **90 days**, was made by Renee Keehan, seconded by Ben Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.

- c. Appeal of Allen Leonhardt requesting to move to 1124 Meacham Street

Withdrawn.

- d. Appeal of Matthew Micksch requesting to move to 426 Easy Street

Matthew appeared in person. Dean Gerondale advised Matthew of his right to discuss treatment issues in closed session and informed him not to use the names of the victims.

Matthew has been living at 2230 Center street until two days ago. The Village of Ashwaubenon said he couldn't stay there any more due to the fact he was no longer married. He now would like to move in with his parents. They have lived at this address for 30 years.

Matthew posted a personal ad on Craig's List. He received a response from a 15 year old girl, who then asked for a picture of him. He sent her a naked picture of himself. They decided to meet up and talk. On his way to meet her, Matthew realized it wasn't the right thing to do, so sent her a message saying she was too young. Matthew ended up getting pulled over by a sting operation.

Matthew was convicted of exposing a child to harmful material. He received probation and is currently on probation. When Matthew put the ad on Craig's list, he did not specifically ask for a 15 year old. He only said he was looking for a female to talk to and age didn't matter. Matthew was under the impression that to be on that website, a person had to be age 18 or older. After a couple correspondences, Matthew realized the girl was 15 years of age. He knew this prior to sending her the picture.

Matthew has been employed with Napa Auto Parts for the past five years. Matthew and his girlfriend are trying to sell her house in Ashwaubenon. They would like to move to a different area, one that is friendlier towards his situation.

Matthew is currently in SOT and gave the board a letter from James Drake.

Motion made by Kathy De Cremer and seconded by Renee Keehan to move into closed session to discuss Matthew's treatment, pursuant to Section 146.82(1), Wis. Stats. All in favor. Motion carried. A motion is made by Renee Keehan and seconded by Kathy De Cremer to return to open session. All in favor. Motion carried.

When Matthew posted the ad on Craig's List, he was still living with his girlfriend.

Michael Micksch (426 Easy Street, Green Bay) is Matthew's father and appeared to speak on Matthew's behalf. He has lived in his home 30 years. Matthew and his girlfriend lived with Michael about two years ago. Michael wants to give Matthew some continuity. Matthew had to leave Ashwaubenon at the last minute so Michael had Matthew live at the Super 8 on East Mason Street so he wouldn't be breaking any rules.

Matthew can still go to his girlfriend's house in Ashwaubenon to get it ready to sell, so Michael would like to give Matthew a place to stay so he doesn't have to spend money trying to find an apartment in De Pere, Allouez or Bellevue. Michael feels it's important that Matthew be with his family. They all work during the week, but are home on the

weekends, so there will always be someone around. Michael does not want Matthew to bounce around to find somewhere to live. He's always had steady employment. He made a poor decision and owned up to it. Michael wants to help Matthew be an asset to society.

Three people reside in Michael's home: himself, his wife (who is present at this meeting) and his daughter who is age 21 and in college.

Charlotte Micksch (578 Fred Street, Green Bay), Matt's grandmother, appeared to speak on his behalf. Charlotte's husband just died two days ago and she said she wouldn't be here if she didn't believe he was a good person. She has a lot of faith in him.

Renee Keehan asked Matthew why he did this if he has a girlfriend. Matthew said it was a stupid thing to do and it was probably due to being bored. It all happened in just one morning in about 45 minutes time. It snowballed from there. Matthew had never done anything like this before on the Internet. The girl did not ask Matthew for a naked picture, just a picture. Matthew points out that it was a person posing as a 15 year old girl. Renee Keehan asked Matthew if he'd ever gone on any pornographic sites in the past. Matthew stated he has gone on some. He now only uses the Internet for work.

Dean Gerondale is concerned Matthew only recently began SOT. Ben Heiman agrees. Renee Keehan feels it is better to have him living with his dad than by himself.

A motion to APPROVE the appeal of Matthew Micksch, address specific, for a period of **90 days**, was made by Dean Gerondale, seconded by Ben Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business

At the February meeting, Randy Graham was approved to live at 1704 S. Ashland Avenue (Economy Inn) for a period of 30 days. Due to a clerical error, he was not put on today's agenda. Randy was instructed to appear at the April meeting.

3. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date of April 9, 2014 was confirmed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kathy De Cremer, seconded by Ben Heiman. All in favor. Motion carried.