

TIMOTHY KNUT SEVERUD - WORKER

Mr Severud - worker on the Minnesota USA Staff- was charged and pled guilty to second-degree criminal sexual conduct for molesting a 10-year-old Alexandria area girl.

Mr Severud labored in the following areas - *please be aware that this list is not all inclusive:*

Timothy Severud laboring fields:

Jun97 No. Minneapolis
97-98 Eagle Bend
98-99 Duluth/Northeast field
99-00 Southwest
00-01 No Minneapolis
01-03 Out of work. Stayed at sister's in Jordan, MN
03-04 Eagle Bend
04-05 Alexandria
05-06 West Minneapolis
06-07 Southwest

Special Meetings out of state.

Dec 98 Dryden, Ontario
April 99 Iowa rounds
Dec. 03 South Dakota
Dec. 04 Ontario

Special meetings in state.

2004 St Paul Princeton Duluth Babbitt Bemidji
2005 Athingyer Barrett Wadena Twin Valley Wannaska
2006 Eden Prairie Cottonwood Heron Lake Kasota Stewartville
2007 Osseo Princeton Duluth Pequot Lakes Park Rapids

Conventions

1999 Emo, ON
2000 Hermosa, SD
2001 Hermosa, SD
2004 Parma, ID He spent about three weeks in ID visiting old friends
2005 Shoals, IN
2006 Hermosa, SD



Demographic Information

OID Number: 225029
Name: **TIMOTHY KNUT SEVERUD**
Birth Date: 1/26/1965
Current Status: Incarcerated
Location: [Minnesota Correctional Facility - St Cloud](#)
Admit Date: 12/17/2007
Anticipated Release Date **: 7/25/2012
Anticipated Release Type: Supervised Release Date
Expiration Date: 7/25/2022
Case Worker: J. Peckskamp (320) 240-3000
Supervising Agent:

Controlling Offense Information *

Offense Description: [CSC 2-MULTIPLE ACTS-CLERGY-UNDER 13-F](#)
Offense Modifier: NOT/APPL
Minnesota Statute(s): [609 343 1 h 3](#)
[609 109 7](#)
County of Conviction: DOUGLAS
Court File Number: CR-07-1050

* The controlling sentence is the sentence which controls the offender's release date. This is typically either the offender's longest sentence or the last sentence in a series of sentences to be served consecutively.

** For a more detailed explanation of an offender's current status, release date, release type, or sentence information, please contact either the appropriate correctional facility or the department's central office records unit at corecords@co.doc.state.mn.us

Release dates are subject to change at any time based on jail credit, discipline violations or resentencing actions. Also, offenders are generally not released to supervision on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays or state holidays. Therefore, if the anticipated release date falls on any of these days, please contact the appropriate correctional facility for clarification.


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'TRAVELING MINISTER' SENTENCED FOR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

By Erin Klegstad, Staff Reporter, Alexandria Echo Press

Published Wednesday, December 19, 2007


A "traveling minister" was sentenced Friday in Douglas County District Court to 90 months in state prison.

Timothy Knut Severud, 42, pleaded guilty to second-degree criminal sexual conduct for molesting a 10-year-old Alexandria area girl.



Tim Severud

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Judge Peter Irvine also ordered Severud to register as a sex offender and serve a 10-year conditional release period after his prison term.

As a member of the "church with no name," Severud stayed with families throughout the Midwest while traveling from place to place.

He stayed with the victim's family numerous times during the past several years, said the victim's father in the criminal complaint.

"Oddly enough, I had never heard of this sect of Christianity until this case," said Douglas County Attorney Chris Karpan, adding that members are low-key and don't have homes or churches.

During the sentencing, the girl's father read a "very poignant, well-written" statement, Karpan said; many of the 30 to 40 people in the courtroom were choked up.

Law enforcement officials are continuing to investigate Severud and all of the families he has stayed with to ensure there are no other victims, Karpan said.

Here's what happened in this incident, according to the criminal complaint.

On July 23, the girl's parents returned home from the grocery store and didn't see her or their 6-year-old daughter. When the father went into the girls' room, he found Severud on top of his 10-year-old daughter, who was lying on her back, fully clothed, with her legs spread.

Severud was "gyrating...his pelvis juxtaposed over hers" while holding her hands back.

Upon confrontation from the girl's parents, Severud blamed the girls, saying they had been inappropriate with him, adding "there had been inappropriate behavior between him and the girls for quite some time."

In a phone conversation the following day, Severud told the girls' mother "the children had masturbated him."

Severud turned himself in at the law enforcement center on July 27 and admitted inappropriate behavior between him and both girls about six times while he stayed with the family.

He said he "let the kids have their way with him" and that he "fell for a 10-year-old girl."

Sergeant Jackie Notch interviewed both girls on July 27. The 10-year-old girl recounted several incidents of Severud inappropriately touching her, including the July 23 incident. When she had a hard time verbally telling of the abuse, Notch had her demonstrate using anatomically correct dolls.

The girl also said Severud inappropriately touched her several times while swimming together.

In a separate interview, the 6-year-old girl told Notch that Severud hadn't touched her, but had touched her sister's "privates."

About the sect: Members of the "church with no name" refer to each other as friends, saints or truthers; ministers are referred to as workers, servants or laborers.

They are often called “Two by Twos” because of their tradition of sending pairs of missionaries to evangelize. Their ministers have officially registered the group with various government agencies under the name “the Christian Conventions” in the U.S.

The church was founded around 1897-1899 by William Irvine in Ireland. Today, membership is estimated at between 250,000 and 600,000 worldwide.

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Justine Wettschreck of the Worthington Daily Globe contributed to this story. That paper and the Echo Press are both owned by Forum Communications.

CHIROPRACTOR'S FORMER MINISTER CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT

**[Justine Wettschreck](#) Worthington Daily Globe
Published Tuesday, December 18, 2007**

ALEXANDRIA — A traveling minister who served in the Worthington area was sentenced Friday after pleading guilty to second-degree criminal sexual conduct against a 10-year-old girl from the Alexandria area.

Timothy Knut Severud, 42, is a minister for a religious sect that technically has no name. Members refer to each other as Friends or Christians, but they are often referred to as “Two by Twos” because of their tradition of sending pairs of missionaries to evangelize. Their ministers have officially registered the group with various government agencies under the name “the Christian Conventions” in the U.S.

Severud was a co-minister in Worthington at the time of his arrest — part of the same religious group as former Worthington chiropractor Lonnie Haken, who was sentenced in early December for first- and second-degree criminal sexual conduct against two young girls.

Severud received a much longer sentence than Haken, who was sentenced to 12 months in the county jail followed by intensive in-patient sex offender treatment.

Severud was sentenced to 90 months in prison, followed by 10 years of supervised release, according to Douglas County Attorney Christopher Karpan. After Severud’s prison sentence is complete, there will be a confinement review to determine his level status, and he will have to consider whether to pursue civilly committing Severud as a predatory offender.

“Trust me,” Karpan said Monday, “he’s going to go down that path.”

Severud was charged just weeks after Haken, and both were in positions of authority over their victims. Haken’s two victims were both molested while they were in his care and at least one of the families were members of the church, while Severud’s victim was a child in his ministry, and he stayed with them occasionally while traveling.

According to the complaint, the victim’s parents came home to find Severud on top of their daughter in her bed. Both were fully clothed. When confronted, Severud blamed the child and her younger sister, stating they had been inappropriate with him on a number of occasions.

He admitted the contact with both children to authorities when questioned.

“Oddly enough, (Severud) said that he ‘let the girls have their way with him’ and left the impression that he gave in to the girls’ inappropriate behavior,” the complaint states. He also admitted he “fell for a 10-year-old girl.”

State of Minnesota County **Douglas** District Court

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| 2 | 609.343 Subd. 1(a); ref. Subd. 2 | L31A1 | N |
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If more than 6 counts (see attached) If domestic assault

- Arraigned Tab Charge Previously Filed
- SERIOUS FELONY SUMMONS
 FELONY WARRANT
 GROSS MISDEMEANOR DWI ORDER OF DETENTION
 GROSS MISDEMEANOR

State of Minnesota
PLAINTIFF

NAME: first, middle, last
Timothy Knut Severud
 3195 220th Street W
 Jordan, MN 55352

Date of Birth
01/26/65

SJS COMPLAINT NUMBER

COMPLAINT

Defendant Fingerprinted

The Complainant, being duly sworn, makes Complaint to the above-named Court and states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant committed the following offense(s). The Complainant states that the following facts establish PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your Complainant, Brad Lake, is a duly licensed peace officer in the State of Minnesota, employed as Chief Deputy for the Douglas County Sheriff's Department. He is familiar with the reports of law enforcement officers that have investigated this matter and believes the following to be true and accurate.

On July 27, 2007, a Douglas County resident who resides in rural Alexandria, called the Douglas County Law Enforcement Center and reported that his 10 year old daughter, date of birth: [REDACTED], had been molested by Tim Severud, later identified as Timothy Knut Severud, date of birth: 1/26/65, Defendant herein. Severud is a traveling Minister and stays with various families in the Midwest as he is traveling from place to place. The father of the victim stated that the Defendant stayed with them on a number of occasions over the last few years.

The father and mother told Law Enforcement that on July 23, 2007, they had come home from the grocery store and didn't see their 10 year old or 6 year old girls. The father then went down to the girls' room, walked in and found the Defendant on top of the 10 year old. The 10 year old was lying on her back, fully clothed, with her legs spread. The Defendant was on top of her, between her legs "gyrating" and holding her hands back with his hands. His pelvis was juxtaposed over hers. While both were clothed, it was an obvious simulation of intercourse.

When the parents confronted the Defendant about what they saw, he began blaming the children stating that they had been inappropriate with him. The parents reported that the Defendant then told him that there had been inappropriate behavior between him and the girls for quite some time. The next day on the phone with the mother, the Defendant had also stated that the children had masturbated him. The father reported that the Defendant was supposedly going to turn himself into the Law Enforcement Center on July 27, 2007.

On July 27, 2007, at approximately 9:30 the Defendant did come to the Law Enforcement Center and turn himself in. At that time, the Defendant did admit to having inappropriate contact with both the six year old girl and the ten-year-old girl on approximately six occasions while staying with the family. Oddly enough, the

This COMPLAINT was subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned this

30th of July, 2007

NAME:



SIGNATURE:

Lisa M Kluver

TITLE:

FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

From the above sworn facts, and any supporting affidavits or supplemental sworn testimony, I, the Issuing Officer, have determined that probable cause exists to support, subject to bail or conditions of release where applicable, Defendant(s) arrest or other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant(s) appearance in Court, or Defendant(s) detention, if already in custody, pending further proceedings. The Defendant(s) is/are thereof charged with the above stated offense(s)

SUMMONS

THEREFORE, You, THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S), ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear on the day of at AM/PM before the above-named court at to answer this complaint.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR in response to this SUMMONS, a WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST shall be issued.

WARRANT

EXECUTE IN MINNESOTA ONLY

To the sheriff of the above-named county; or other person authorized to execute this WARRANT; I hereby order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the above-named Defendant(s) be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the above-named Court (if in session, and if not, before a Judge or Judicial Officer of such Court without unnecessary delay, and in any event, not later than 36 hours after the arrest or as soon thereafter as such Judge or Judicial Officer is available) to be dealt with according to law.

ORDER OF DETENTION

Since the above-named Defendant(s) is/are already in custody; I hereby order; subject to bail or conditions of release, that the above-named Defendant(s) continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

But Conditions of Release:

This Complaint - Order of Detention date subscribed and sworn to, is issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer this day of July, 2007

30th

NAME:

TITLE: Judge of District Court

SIGNATURE:

[Handwritten Signature]

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF

Douglas

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

Timothy Knut Severud

Defendant(s)

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Court Administrator

RETURN OF SERVICE

I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this COMPLAINT upon the Defendant(s) herein-named

Signature of Authorized Agent:

Dale E. Olson