

32CR-26-126

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST

In The Matter Of: **Donna H. Januchowski** W/F AGE: 68

Re: Request for Magistrates Determination for Probable Cause for Warrant of Arrest for the Defendant on the following charges:

Assault 1st Degree 5-13-205 (a), a class A misdemeanor, 3 counts
Endangering the Welfare of a Minor 2nd degree, a class A misdemeanor, 3 counts

THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING DULY SWORN, FOR HIS AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST, DEPOSES AND SAYS:

On 2-4-26, at approximately 2:00 pm, I received a report of Child Abuse through the Child Abuse Hot Line. This report is in reference to a teacher, Donna Januchowski, at the Batesville Preschool, grabbing a 5 year old male (identified as MO) by his shirt and yanking his arm. The report was called into the hotline by State Licensing Investigator with the State of Arkansas, who had viewed the video and called the hotline.

On 2-4-26, at approximately 4:26 pm, I received another report involving a child at the Batesville Preschool. This was for a 4 year old male (identified as KD). The report was that KD's teacher, Donna, had grabbed KD by his shirt, yanked him by his arm and then covered his mouth so that he could not scream.

An interview was set up at the Crimes Against Children (CAC) office and the interview was done at approximately 12:30 pm with MO. MO disclosed that his teacher, Donna, was mean to him and that she held him down and put her leg on him to keep him there on his cot. This is recorded.

On 2-5-26, KD was interviewed at the CAC, but did not disclose.

I then met with the lady from State Licensing and she gave me the paperwork that she had received from the school. Part of that paperwork was a typed "Employee Incident Documentation" on Donna Januchowski. The Batesville Preschool had written Januchowski up in reference to the incident that happened on 1-23-26. This write up discloses that the incident did happen and Januchowski did sign the write up. This write up was signed by Januchowski on 1-23-26. On this date, this incident was not called into the Child Abuse Hotline.

On this same date, (2-5-26), I received another report through the child abuse hotline. This report was for a 4 year old male (identified as SH). The report stated that the teacher, Donna, had restrained SH multiple times and yanked him by the arm until he was on the ground.

On 2-9-26, I served a search warrant at the Batesville Preschool on Vine Street to get the video recording from the school.

All three reports that came in through the hotline, stated that the incident in question happened on 1-23-26 at the Batesville Preschool on Vine Street in Batesville. This incident happened in the class room

where Donna Januchowski is the teacher and was recorded, with sound. The video shows Januchowski grabbing each child by their shirts and pulling them around the room. She then gets the three children on the floor next to a cot (mat) and is seen holding them down. At one point Januchowski is seen sitting on the floor next to one of the boys. The child is lying face down on his mat and Januchowski has her leg across the back of the child's neck and on his back. The child can be seen trying to lift his head up and she grabs him by the back of the head and pushes his face to the mat.

Another part of the video shows Januchowski hold one of the children and has her hand over his mouth and is shaking him. Another child is grabbed and then thrown to the floor by Januchowski. At no time in the video Januchowski seen or heard calling or asking for help in her classroom.

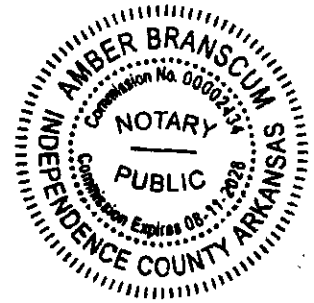
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AFFIANT
Brenda Bittle

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 9 DAY OF June, 2026.

[Signature]
JUDGE, NOTARY PUBLIC OR CLERK

My Commission Expires: 8/11/28



FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST

I hereby find that the foregoing sworn Affidavit demonstrates reasonable and probable cause for the issuance of a warrant of arrest for the defendant for the charges listed in the attached Information and that the defendant should be arrested and bound over for trial.

[Signature]

JUDGE

Dated and signed this 9 day of June, 2026.
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