

NO. 11846

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STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

JOSEPH LENDERMAN AKA JOEY LENDERMAN

Indictment for

CONTINUOUS SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD  
SOLICITATION OF A MINOR UNDER 13 TO OBSERVE SEXUAL CONDUCT  
AGGRAVATED SEXUAL BATTERY (6 COUNTS)  
RAPE OF CHILD (6 COUNTS)  
INCEST (11 COUNTS)  
SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH ANIMALS (COUNTS 3)  
SEXUAL BATTERY BY AN AUTHORITY FIGURE (5 COUNTS)  
RAPE (5 COUNTS)  
STATUTORY RAPE BY AUTHORITY FIGURE (5 COUNTS)

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Witnesses sworn before the Grand Jury to give evidence on the indictment:

*Chief Inv. Micah Middlebrook*

A TRUE BILL

*Bill Sweet*

Foreman of the Grand Jury

*3-19-25*

Date

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WITNESSES

Summon for the State by order of  
Mark E Davidson, District Attorney General

Micah Middlebrook, LCSO  
Deputy Mollie Ozment, LCSO  
Chelsea Lenderman  
Minor C.L. (dob 08/01/14)  
Ashley Godinez, DCS  
Belinda Houston, DCS  
Shannon Springfield

Minor B. L. (dob 11/24/10)  
Minor A. L. (dob 04/08/08)  
Custodian of Records, Lauderdale County Schools  
Inv. Jerald McNeal, LCSO  
Brandy Lenderman  
Kiaya Lenderman

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Micah Middlebrook, Prosecutor

# STATE OF TENNESSEE

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LAUDERDALE COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT OF LAUDERDALE COUNTY

FEBRUARY TERM 2025

**THE GRAND JURORS** of Lauderdale County, Tennessee, duly empaneled and sworn, upon their oath, present that **JOSEPH LENDERMAN AKA JOEY LENDERMAN** between the 1st day of September, 2015 and the 30th day of June, 2024, in Lauderdale County, Tennessee, and before the finding of this indictment, did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly engage in three (3) or more incidents of sexual abuse of a child involving the same minor child on separate occasions and these acts were committed over a period of ninety (90) days or more; to wit: minor child B.L. (dob 11/24/2010), with at least one such incident occurring within Lauderdale County and with at least one such incident occurring on or after July 1, 2014, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-518, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

## COUNT 2

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County between the 1st day of September, 2015 and the 31st day of January, 2017, before the finding of this indictment, the said **JOSEPH LENDERMAN AKA JOEY LENDERMAN** did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly display to the minor B.L. (dob 11/24/2010) material containing sexual activity, to wit: by showing the minor child B.L. (dob 11/24/2010) photographs or videos containing sexual activity with the purpose of this display of sexual activity being for the sexual arousal or gratification of the aforesaid minor B.L. (dob 11/24/2010) or Joseph Lenderman, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-529(b)(2), against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

## COUNT 3

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County between the 1st day of September, 2015 and the 31st day of January, 2017, before the finding of this indictment, the said **JOSEPH LENDERMAN AKA JOEY LENDERMAN** did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly engage in unlawful sexual contact with B.L. (dob 11/24/2010), a child less than thirteen (13) years of age, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-504, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

**COUNT 4**

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County between the 1st day of September, 2015 and the 31st day of January, 2017, before the finding of this indictment, the said **JOSEPH LENDERMAN AKA JOEY LENDERMAN** did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly sexually penetrate B.L. (dob 11/24/2010) at a time when B.L. (dob 11/24/2010) was more than three (3) years of age but less than thirteen (13) years of age, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-522, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

**COUNT 5**

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County between the 1st day of September, 2015 and the 31st day of January, 2017, before the finding of this indictment, the said **JOSEPH LENDERMAN AKA JOEY LENDERMAN** did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly engage in sexual penetration with B.L. (dob 11/24/2010), knowing said B.L. (dob 11/24/2010) to be the adoptive child of the said Joseph Lenderman, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-302, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

**COUNT 6**

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County between the 1st day of September, 2015 and the 31st day of January, 2017, before the finding of this indictment, the said **JOSEPH LENDERMAN AKA JOEY LENDERMAN** did unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly sexually penetrate B.L. (dob 11/24/2010) at a time when B.L. (dob 11/24/2010) was more than three (3) years of age but less than thirteen (13) years of age, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-522, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

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**COUNT 8**

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County between the 24th day of November, 2015 and the 24th day of November, 2017, before the finding of this indictment, the said **JOSEPH LENDERMAN AKA JOEY LENDERMAN** did unlawfully, knowingly and feloniously engage in sexual activity with an animal, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-214(a)(1), against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

**COUNT 9**

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County between the 24th day of November, 2015 and the 24th day of November, 2017, before the finding of this indictment, the said **JOSEPH LENDERMAN AKA JOEY LENDERMAN** did unlawfully, knowingly and feloniously cause, aid, or abet minor B.L. (dob 11/24/2010), to engage in sexual activity with an animal, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-214(a)(2), against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

**COUNT 10**

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**COUNT 13**

And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County between the 1st day of May, 2023 and the 31st day of August, 2023, before the finding of this indictment, the said **JOSEPH LENDERMAN AKA JOEY LENDERMAN** did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly engage in unlawful sexual contact with B.L. (dob 11/24/2010), a child less than thirteen (13) years of age, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-504, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

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And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County between the 1st day of August, 2022 and the 30th day of June, 2023, before the finding of this indictment, the said **JOSEPH LENDERMAN AKA JOEY LENDERMAN** did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly engage in unlawful sexual contact with B.L. (dob 11/24/2010), a child less than thirteen (13) years of age, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-504, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

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And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County between the 1st day of March, 2024 and the 31st day of May, 2024, before the finding of this indictment, the said **JOSEPH LENDERMAN AKA JOEY LENDERMAN** did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly engage in sexual contact with B.L. (dob 11/24/2010), a person thirteen (13) years of age or older but less than eighteen (18) years of age and the said Joseph Lenderman had parental or custodial authority over said B.L. (dob 11/24/2010) and used this authority to accomplish the said sexual contact, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-527, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.



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And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County between the 1st day of March, 2024 and the 31st day of May, 2024, before the finding of this indictment, the said **JOSEPH LENDERMAN AKA JOEY LENDERMAN** did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly sexually penetrate B.L. (dob 11/24/2010) without the consent of B. L. (dob 11/24/2010) and the said Joseph Lenderman knew or had reason to know at the time of the penetration that B. L. (dob 11/24/2010) did not consent, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-503(a)(2), against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

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And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County between the 1st day of March, 2024 and the 31st day of May, 2024, before the finding of this indictment, the said **JOSEPH LENDERMAN AKA JOEY LENDERMAN** did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly engage in sexual contact with B.L. (dob 11/24/2010), a person thirteen (13) years of age or older but less than eighteen (18) years of age and the said Joseph Lenderman had parental or custodial authority over said B.L. (dob 11/24/2010) and used this authority to accomplish the said sexual contact, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-527, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

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And the Grand Jurors on their oath aforesaid further present that in Lauderdale County between the 1st day of December, 2023 and the 31st day of January, 2024, before the finding of this indictment, the said **JOSEPH LENDERMAN AKA JOEY LENDERMAN** did unlawfully, feloniously and knowingly engage in sexual contact with B.L. (dob 11/24/2010), a person thirteen (13) years of age or older but less than eighteen (18) years of age and the said Joseph Lenderman had parental or custodial authority over said B.L. (dob 11/24/2010) and used this authority to accomplish the said sexual contact, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-527, against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

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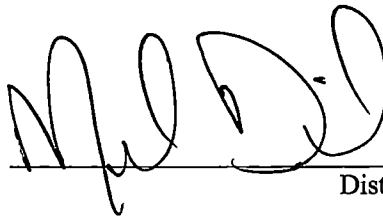
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District Attorney General