

WARRANT OF ARREST

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
397-2025-0021246-3**

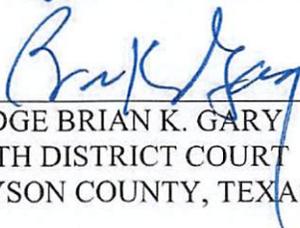
TO ANY SHERIFF, CONSTABLE, OR PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO ARREST **JOSHUA TODD RYALS** IF FOUND TO BE IN YOUR COUNTY AND BRING HIM/HER BEFORE ME, A MAGISTRATE IN AND OF GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS AT MY OFFICE IN SHERMAN, TEXAS IN SAID COUNTY. IMMEDIATELY, THEN AND THERE TO ANSWER THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR AN OFFENSE AGAINST THE LAWS OF SAID STATE, TO-WIT:

- **COUNT 1: INDECENCY WITH A CHILD (Texas Penal Code §22.11(a)(1); Second Degree Felony)**
- **COUNT 2: INDECENCY WITH A CHILD (Texas Penal Code §22.11(a)(1); Second Degree Felony)**

OF WHICH OFFENSE, **JOSHUA TODD RYALS**, IS ACCUSED BY THE WRITTEN COMPLAINANT, UNDER OATH, OF **TEXAS RANGER HEATH PEACOCK**, FILED BEFORE ME AND INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR ALL PURPOSES. HEREIN FAIL NOT, BUT OF THIS WRIT MAKE DUE RETURN, SHOWING HOW YOU EXECUTED THE SAME.

WITNESS MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE, THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH, 2026.



 JUDGE BRIAN K. GARY
 397TH DISTRICT COURT
 GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS

RETURN

CAME TO HAND ON THE 26th DAY OF MARCH, 2026, AT 6:00⁵ O'CLOCK PM, AND EXECUTED ON THE 26th DAY OF MARCH, 2026, AT 7:54⁰ O'CLOCK, AM, BY ARRESTING THE WITHIN NAMED **JOSHUA TODD RYALS**, AND PLACING HIM/ HER IN JAIL AT GRAYSON COUNTY JAIL UNDER LISTED WARRANT CHARGES.

BY _____

 TEXAS PEACE OFFICER

IDENTIFIERS OF ACCUSED

D.O.B.: 02/14/1994, SEX: MALE, HT: 5'09", WT:195, RACE: AI/AN, HAIR: BROWN, EYES: BROWN, LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: ANNA, TX

COMPLAINT

THE STATE OF TEXAS
VS
JOSHUA TODD RYALS
397-2025-0021246-3

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED **HEATH B. PEACOCK** WHO, AFTER BEING SWORN, UPON OATH DEPOSES AND SAYS,

I have good reason and do believe based upon the following information:

THE SWORN AFFIDAVIT OF TEXAS RANGER HEATH B. PEACOCK OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A PART HEREOF FOR ALL PURPOSES AND IS INCORPORATED HEREIN FOR ALL PURPOSES,

and I charge that heretofore, and before the making and filing of this complaint, that on or about a period spanning from January 6th, 2022 to January 5th, 2023 in Grayson County and The State of Texas, **JOSHUA TODD RYALS**, Defendant, did then and there commit the following felony offenses:

- **COUNT 1: INDECENCY WITH A CHILD (Texas Penal Code §22.11(a)(1); Second Degree Felony)**
 - o (a) A person commits an offense if, with a child younger than 17 years of age, whether the child is of the same or opposite sex and regardless of whether the person knows the age of the child at the time of the offense, the person:
 - o (1) engages in sexual contact with the child or causes the child to engage in sexual contact
- **COUNT 2: INDECENCY WITH A CHILD (Texas Penal Code §22.11(a)(1); Second Degree Felony)**
 - o (a) A person commits an offense if, with a child younger than 17 years of age, whether the child is of the same or opposite sex and regardless of whether the person knows the age of the child at the time of the offense, the person:
 - o (1) engages in sexual contact with the child or causes the child to engage in sexual contact

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE.


AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME THIS 26th DAY OF March, 2026.



JUDGE BRIAN K. GARY
397TH DISTRICT COURT
GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS

THE STATE OF TEXAS
vs
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MAGISTRATE'S DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On this, the 26th day of March, 2026, I hereby acknowledge that I have examined the foregoing affidavit, to which AFFIANT HAS SWORN BEFORE ME (and is attached and/or incorporated herein for all purposes), and have determined that probable cause exists for the issuance of an arrest warrant for the individual accused therein for the counts and offenses alleged.



JUDGE BRIAN K. GARY
397TH DISTRICT COURT
GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS

AFFIDAVIT FOR WARRANT OF ARREST
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GRAYSON
397-2025-0021246-3

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED THE UNDERSIGNED AFFIANT WHO, AFTER BEING DULY SWORN BY ME, ON OATH STATED:

"My name is Heath B. Peacock, and I am a Certified Peace Officer currently employed by the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY as a Texas Ranger."

"I have good reason to believe and do believe that on or about a period spanning from January 6th, 2022 to January 5th, 2023 in Grayson County and The State of Texas, **JOSHUA TODD RYALS**, Defendant, did then and there commit the felony offenses of:

- **COUNT 1: INDECENCY WITH A CHILD (Texas Penal Code §22.11(a)(1); Second Degree Felony)**
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MY BELIEF IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FACTS AND INFORMATION:

I, **HEATH PEACOCK**, AM A CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER IN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND HAVE BEEN FOR APPROXIMATELY 28 YEARS. I AM EMPLOYED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AS A TEXAS RANGER. DURING THE COURSE OF MY NORMAL DUTIES, I RECIEVED THE FOLLOWING REPORT FOR INVESTIGATION.

My probable cause for said belief and accusation is as follows:

On Saturday, 05-15-2025, at approximately 11:22 AM, I contacted Howe Police Department (HPD) by phone. I was informed that HPD had been approached by a female who was claiming to have been victimized by several members of the Howe Fire Department while she was a Junior Fire Fighter. This victim identified herself to the Officer taking the report and requested a pseudonym for protection. In this affidavit, the victim will be referred to . I arrived at HPD at approximately 7:00 PM and went over the details with HPD , who had the bodycam videos and notes gathered for my investigation, from the patrol officer who took the initial report/outcry. During that interview, stated that on one (1) occasion, while she was sixteen (16) years of age,

Joshua Todd Ryals grabbed her sexually, kissed her, and asked her to “feel him” down there”. described what she did to Ryals as “touching of the pants”. said that during the incident, Ryals stated “You’re sixteen what am I doing?” and stopped touching her.

On 05-16-2025, Ranger and I conducted a victim interview of at the Sherman Police Department (SPD). The interview was audio/video recorded. was accompanied by , and . During the interview, stated she was sixteen (16) years of age when she began working as a junior firefighter for the HFD in January of 2022. said that on one occasion at the fire station, she was alone with Joshua Todd Ryals. said that she was never unclothed around Ryals, and Ryals was also never unclothed. remembered being 16 at the time of this event. During the interaction, Ryals stopped himself, saying he believed what he was doing was wrong, and he stopped on his own.

On 06-06-2025 at approximately 9:30 AM, I witnessed a forensic interview (FI) of at the Grayson County Child Advocacy Center (CAC). conducted the recorded interview. The statements made by during the FI were consistent with the statements made during her interview with Ranger and I on 05-16-2025. According to , the incidents of sexual assault occurred before she turned the age of seventeen (17).

On March 24th, Ranger and I conducted a non-custodial interview of Ryals at the Melissa Police Department. During that interview, Ryals admitted to having a sexual interaction with , whom he identified by name, while she was at the Howe Fire station. Ryals admitted to grabbing the breasts of over her shirt. Ryals also admitted that during the incident, he received a massage from with a “Thera-gun” on his groin, which resulted in him ejaculating in his pants. Ryals denied disrobing himself or during the incident and explained that was not aware that he’d ejaculated.

Due to the interviews conducted with and the interview with Ryals, your Affiant believes that there is probable cause for an arrest warrant for Joshua Todd Ryals.

Further, on the facts of the case as presented above, I do believe that Joshua Todd Ryals intentionally and knowingly committed two (2) counts of the criminal violation of Indecency with a Child, a violation of Texas Penal Code 22.11(a)(1), a felony of the second degree against as noted in the investigation and highlighted by Ryals’ own admissions.

WHEREFORE, AFFIANT REQUESTS THAT AN ARREST WARRANT BE ISSUED FOR THE ABOVE ACCUSED INDIVIDUAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW.


AFFIANT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH, 2026.



JUDGE BRIAN K. GARY
397TH DISTRICT COURT
GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS