

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2023ML021132
Court Case No.:

vs.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

GOODWIN, MELVIN RASHARD
8601 WEST GLENDALE AVENUE
MILWAUKEE, WI 53225
DOB: 11/19/1990

Defendant(s).

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THE BELOW NAMED COMPLAINANT BEING DULY SWORN, ON INFORMATION AND BELIEF STATES THAT:

Count 1: ATTEMPT FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE, USE OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON, HABITUAL CRIMINALITY REPEATER

The above-named defendant on or about Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 4305 West Capitol Drive, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, attempted to cause the death of JLE, another human being, with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a), 939.50(3)(a), 939.32, 939.63(1)(b), 939.62(1)(b) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class B Felony, the defendant may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) years.

And further, invoking the provisions of sec. 939.63(1)(b) Wis. Stats., because the defendant committed this offense while using a dangerous weapon, the maximum term of imprisonment for the felony may be increased by not more than 5 years.

And further, invoking the provisions of sec. 939.62(1)(b) Wis. Stats., because the defendant is a repeater, having been convicted of at least one felony during the five year period immediately preceding the commission of this offense, which remains of record and unreversed, the maximum term of imprisonment for this offense may be increased by not more than 4 years, if the prior conviction was a felony.

Count 2: POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A FELON, HABITUAL CRIMINALITY REPEATER

The above-named defendant on or about Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 4305 West Capitol Drive, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did possess a firearm, having been convicted of a felony in this state, contrary to sec. 941.29(1m)(a), 939.50(3)(g), 939.62(1)(b) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class G Felony, the defendant may be fined not more than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or imprisoned not more than ten (10) years, or both.

And further, invoking the provisions of sec. 939.62(1)(b) Wis. Stats., because the defendant is a repeater, having been convicted of at least one felony during the five year period immediately preceding the commission of this offense, which remains of record and unreversed, the maximum term of imprisonment for this offense may be increased by not more than 4 years, if the prior conviction was a felony.

Probable Cause:

Complainant is a City of Milwaukee Police Officer and bases this complaint on the reports of multiple Milwaukee Police Officers. On August 24, 2023, officers investigated a shooting that occurred on a Milwaukee County bus, near the intersection of W. Capitol Drive and Sherman Boulevard, near the location of 4305 W. Capitol Drive, in the City and County of Milwaukee.

At Froedtert Hospital officer spoke with JLE, dob 8/30/1981, who stated the following. JLE boarded a bus at the bus stop near the intersection of Capitol Drive and Sherman Boulevard. He walked past a man wearing a black bucket hat, who he did not know, and the man said “what’s up.” JLE said “what’s up” back and sat down at the very back of the bus. JLE then began texting his girlfriend and was looking down at his phone when he heard a loud bang and was shot in the shoulder. JLE later identified the defendant as the man who shot him in a photo array.

Officers spoke to VAW, dob 5/4/1967, who stated the following. She was driving the bus, Route 302, at the time of the shooting. VAW had seen an African American man, who was wearing a black bucket hat, enter the bus and act erratically. She heard a gunshot but did not see the shooting. After the gunshot the man who had been acting erratically quickly exited the bus and walked away.

Officers located a deformed bullet fragment and one spent .45 caliber casing on the bus. They also recovered surveillance video of the interior of the bus that depicted the shooting. That video clearly depicts the defendant, wearing a black bucket hat, enter the bus. The video depicts JLE enter the bus and walk past the defendant and sit at the rear of the bus. The defendant looks at JLE a couple of times, pulls out a semi-automatic pistol, and shoots JLE. The defendant then walks off the bus.

The defendant was later arrested on August 28, 2023, following a fleeing incident.¹ The defendant was the driver and sole occupant of a vehicle that fled from police, and the pursuit terminated at 4226 W. Villard Avenue. Inside the vehicle the defendant was located in officers found a .45 caliber semi-auto pistol. Preliminary firearms/toolmark analysis through the NIBIN system shows that the gun the defendant was found with fired the casing that was located on the bus after JLE was shot.

Prior Felony/Repeater

Complainant further bases this complaint on review of CCAP records in Milwaukee County case 19CF1593. In that case, on August 24, 2021, the defendant was convicted of 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, a felony offense. That conviction remains of record and unreversed.

****End of Complaint****

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¹ This fleeing incident is being charged on a separate complaint.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on 09/01/23

Electronically Signed By:

Owen M. Piotrowski

Assistant District Attorney

State Bar #: 1097212

Electronically Signed By:

Police Officer Luke X. LEE

Complainant