

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2026ML014943
Court Case No.:

vs.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

WILLIAMS BEAL, DAMARION C.
6405 WEST SHERIDAN AVENUE #218
MILWAUKEE, WI 53218
DOB: 07/14/2006

Defendant(s).

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

COUNT ONE: BURGLARY (ARMED) - AS A PARTY TO A CRIME

The above-named defendant on or about Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 6405 West Sheridan Avenue, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, as a party to a crime, did intentionally enter a building without the consent of the person in lawful possession, with intent to commit a felony, and while armed with a dangerous weapon, contrary to sec. 943.10(2)(a), 939.50(3)(e), 939.05 Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class E Felony, the defendant may be fined not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), or imprisoned not more than fifteen (15) years, or both.

COUNT TWO: POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT

The above-named defendant on or about Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 6405 West Sheridan Avenue, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did possess a firearm, having been adjudicated delinquent for an act committed on or after April 21, 1994, that if committed by an adult in this state would be a felony, contrary to sec. 941.29(1m)(bm), 939.50(3)(g) 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.

Probable Cause:

This complaint is supported by the written reports of City of Milwaukee law enforcement officers whose written reports were prepared through the normal course of police business and which your complaining witness has relied upon in the past and found to be truthful and accurate. Based on a review of the reports pertaining to the investigation of this matter, your complaining witness believes that:

DEFENDANT RANSOM THREATENS TO KILL AM WHILE POSSESSING A FIREARM

On June 11, 2026, City of Milwaukee Police Officers Michael Kimber and Jack Noel responded to 6405 W. Sheridan Avenue in the City of Milwaukee, County of Milwaukee, for a subject with a weapon complaint. The 911 caller identified the subject with the weapon as Deontau Ransom, who had a "big gun, all black".

Upon arriving on scene, Officers Kimber and Noel made contact with citizen witness AM, who provided the following information to police. AM identified Deontau Ransom as her former live-in boyfriend. On June 11, 2026, AM arrived home to her apartment to discover that Deontau Ransom was already inside. AM did not provide keys to her apartment to Deontau Ransom, but believed that her friend "Nini" shared an apartment key with Deontau Ransom. While AM was inside her apartment with Deontau Ransom, Deontau Ransom began to argue with AM and accuse AM of cheating. Deontau Ransom pointed a large, AR style gun at AM and threatened to shoot AM, causing AM to fear for her life. AM left her apartment, along with her friend, MD, and called police.

After interviewing AM, Officers Kimber and Noel interviewed MD, AM's friend who was present and witnessed the actions of Deontau Ransom on June 11, 2026. MD confirmed that Deontau Ransom pointed an AR style pistol at AM during an argument with AM on the above date, at the above location, causing AM to fear for her safety.

By the time police arrived on scene, Deontau Ransom left and could not be located.

DEFENDANT RANSOM RETURNS TO AM'S APARTMENT AND THREATENS AM'S LIFE AGAIN

On June 16, 2026, a 911 call was made from a tenant inside of the apartment building located at 6405 W. Sheridan Avenue. The caller reported being in an apartment across the hall from AM's apartment. The caller observed two males wearing ski masks repeatedly kicking AM's apartment door. One of the two male individuals was armed with a "big gun". The caller believed that the two men would eventually kick in AM's apartment door.

Multiple members of the City of Milwaukee Police Department responded to 6405 W. Sheridan Avenue in response to the subject with a weapon call. As officers were arriving on scene, the call was upgraded to a shots fired call. A description of the person armed with a gun was provided as a black male wearing a ski mask and blue sweatshirt.

SURVEILLANCE VIDEO CAPTURES DEONTAU RANSOM'S ENCOUNTER WITH THE MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

As City of Milwaukee Police officers enter the apartment building and begin ascending the stairs to the second floor, a black male subject wearing a blue sweatshirt with his arm inside the sweatshirt pocket concealing a firearm is descending the very same staircase and turns the corner, coming face to face with the officers. An officer is heard calling out, "shooter" and four shots are fired. The black male subject, later identified as Deontau Ransom, flees back up the staircase. The officers retreat back down the stairs, saying "he is on the top floor". The officers can hear a person coming back down the staircase, and yell, "show your hands right now, do not have a gun or you will be shot" and "show me your hands".

Hearing women scream from within the apartment complex, the officers ascend the staircase a second time. As the officers ascend the staircase, the officers continue to yell, "show me your hands." Deontau Ransom descends the stairs and turns the corner with his hands up. Deontau Ransom is no longer in possession of a firearm, nor is Deontau Ransom wearing the blue hoodie sweatshirt, though his face is still concealed by a ski mask. Bleeding from the right arm after sustaining a gunshot wound, Deontau Ransom is taken into custody by police.

Surveillance video from the scene established that as officers were arriving on scene, Deontau Ransom was repeatedly back-kicking an apartment door on the second floor. The sounds of the kicks are captured on the body worn cameras of the responding officers and sound like gunshots from the second floor. The surveillance video also captures Deontau Ransom with the firearm outside of AM's apartment on the second floor. The surveillance video captures the encounter between Deontau Ransom and police on a bend of the staircase as each party was attempting to turn the corner.

After Deontau Ransom suffers a gunshot wound to his right arm, Deontau Ransom flees to the top floor and removes his blue sweatshirt. Deontau Ransom peers over the third floor balcony with the firearm, attempting to locate the position of the police. After peering over the balcony, Deontau Ransom descends the staircase armed with the firearm in hand, before returning up the staircase and dropping the firearm and his blue sweatshirt.

CITY OF MILWAUKEE POLICE PROVIDE MEDICAL AID TO DEONTAU RANSOM

After Deontau Ransom was secured in handcuffs, City of Milwaukee Police Officers Samuel Schwabenlander and Alexander Dey brought Deontau Ransom outside and placed Deontau Ransom on his back so that they could render medical aid. Deontau Ransom had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. City of Milwaukee Police Officer Miguel Benitez repeatedly asked Deontau Ransom to provide his name and date of birth. Deontau Ransom refused to provide his name and date of birth, and instead yelled at a woman who was standing outside to "not cooperate with police". Two tourniquets were placed on Deontau Ransom's upper right arm by police and Deontau Ransom was subsequently treated by first responders with Medical Unit 4 and transported to Froedtert Hospital.

CITY OF MILWAUKEE POLICE LOCATE DAMARION WILLIAMS-BEAL HIDING IN A LAUNDRY ROOM

City of Milwaukee Police Sergeant James Sommer, along with City of Milwaukee Police Officer Nicholas Zaragoza, entered the southeast door of the apartment building located at 6405 W. Sheridan Avenue, and began clearing the first floor. While clearing the first floor, a broadcast was made that there was still a second suspect located inside of the apartment building. Sergeant Sommer and Officer Zaragoza proceeded to the second floor and to knock on the doors of apartment tenants to ensure the safety of the tenants and to locate the second suspect. After clearing half the second floor, Sergeant Sommer noticed a trash room. Sergeant Sommer opened the door and observed a black male on his knees with his hands in the air. The black male was identified as Damarion Williams-Beal and taken into police custody.

CITY OF MILWAUKEE POLICE CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF THE SCENE

City of Milwaukee Police Detective Michael Braunreiter responded to the scene and was placed in charge of the scene investigation. Detective Braunreiter described 6405 W. Sheridan as a three-story apartment complex. Officers encountered Deontau Ransom in the northwest stairwell of the building.

Four casings were recovered on the stairwell of the first floor, two 9mm Luger casings, and two Nickle 223 casings. A cell phone and a black magazine containing 7.62 x 38 cartridges was also recovered on the stairs.

On the third floor landing there was a Black Palmetto State Armory 223 firearm. The firearm had blood on it and appeared to have been struck by gunfire in multiple spots. The firearm was discovered to

have a 7.62x38 caliber cartridge inside of the chamber. A blue hoodie sweatshirt was located next to the firearm.

In the laundry room where police located Damarion Williams-Beal hiding, there was a black ski mask, a cell phone, and a black Adidas jacket. The bottom of the laundry chute was checked, where officers located two additional brass 7.62 x38 caliber cartridges.

AM DETAILS ONGOING THREATS TO KILL BY DEONTAU RANSOM

City of Milwaukee Police Detective Martin Saavedra responded to the scene and conducted a detailed interview of AM, who provided the following information to Detective Saavedra. AM confirmed that she was previously involved in a relationship with Deontau Ransom for a number of years. AM has been attempting to end her relationship with Deontau Ransom, but he refuses to leave AM alone. Deontau Ransom has repeatedly threatened to shoot and kill AM, believing that AM is involved in a relationship with another man.

Earlier today, Deontau Ransom came to AM's apartment and discovered that there was another man inside. The other man was AM's brother. AM attempted to explain to Deontau Ransom that the male inside her apartment was her brother, but Deontau Ransom would not listen, and threatened to shoot up AM's apartment. Deontau Ransom also threatened to harm AM. Deontau Ransom eventually left the location.

Later in the evening, AM was inside her apartment hanging out with friends when Deontau Ransom called AM and demanded to know who was inside AM's apartment with AM. Deontau Ransom repeatedly accused AM of having other men over and threatened to return to AM's apartment and "shoot the place up". AM repeatedly told Deontau Ransom that he was not welcome at her apartment.

A short time later, AM's brother, who was inside AM's apartment, observed two men outside of the apartment building in ski masks. Both men appeared to be armed with firearms. AM believed that Deontau Ransom was one of the two individuals. Deontau Ransom started calling AM and demanding that AM allow Deontau Ransom access to the apartment building. AM repeatedly told Deontau Ransom to leave.

A short time later, an unknown female approached the outside door of the apartment building to enter. Deontau Ransom approached the woman and began to talk to her. AM yelled down to the woman to not allow Deontau Ransom inside. Nevertheless, the woman had key access to the apartment building and allowed Deontau Ransom and the other male subject wearing a ski mask inside.

Moments later, AM could hear pounding and kicking at her apartment door. Deontau Ransom was threatening to shoot and kill AM. As the kicking and pounding continued, AM looked out the window and observed police were arriving on scene. AM threw her apartment keys out the window, attempting to assist police in gaining access to the building. Moments later, AM hear 2-4 gunshots from inside the building. AM eventually learned that police encountered Deontau Ransom as police were ascending the stairs. As the police reached a bend in the staircase, Deontau Ransom was descending the stairs armed with a gun and was subsequently shot in the left arm.

WITNESSES CONFIRM DEONTAU RANSOM'S THREATENING BEHAVIOR

After interviewing AM, Detective Saavedra conducted an interview of citizen witness GW, who provided the following information to Detective Saavedra. GW lives in the apartment next to AM's apartment. GW

has a one-year-old child who lives with GW. During the evening of June 16, 2026, GW and her daughter were inside of AM's apartment hanging out. While GW was hanging out with AM, GW noticed that AM was constantly texting on her cell phone. It appeared to GW that AM was arguing with whomever AM was texting. GW got a bad vibe and decided to return to her apartment with her daughter.

A short time later, GW could hear yelling and pounding from the hallway outside of her apartment. GW could also see police arriving on scene minutes later. GW and her child went into a closet to seek shelter, as GW continued to hear yelling and pounding outside of her apartment door. GW heard two gunshots, causing GW to rush to her apartment door to see what happened. When GW reached her apartment door, GW was met by members of the City of Milwaukee Police Department. GW could hear the voice of a male yelling, "tell her I've been shot".

Next, Detective Saavedra interviewed NW, the sister of GW, who provided the following information to Detective Saavedra. On June 16, 2026, NW accompanied GW and went to AM's apartment to hang out. While NW was inside of AM's apartment, NW observed AM arguing with her ex-boyfriend. AM's ex-boyfriend was threatening to return and shoot up AM's apartment.

A short time later, NW looked out the window and observed two black males wearing ski masks. AM yelled down to a woman who was entering the apartment building, telling the woman to not allow the two men inside. The unknown woman eventually allowed the two men in ski masks inside.

Believing that one of the two men was AM's ex-boyfriend, NW and GW, along with GW's one-year-old daughter, returned to GW's apartment. Shortly thereafter, NW heard yelling and pounding at the apartment door. GW was hysterical. NW could see police arriving on scene through the window as the two men continued to bang on the apartment door. NW heard multiple gunshots, followed by GW opening the apartment door.

During the interview of NW, NW positively identified Deontau Ransom as the person on scene in a blue sweatshirt armed with a gun. NW identified the second male individual in a ski mask as GW's boyfriend, Damarion Williams-Beal.

On June 16, 2026, City of Milwaukee Police Detective Sean Koscielak responded to 6405 W. Sheridan Avenue to assist with the investigation into the circumstances surrounding the non-fatal officer involved shooting. Upon arriving on scene, Detective Koscielak interviewed citizen witness DL, who is a tenant inside 6405 W. Sheridan Avenue. During the evening of June 16, 2026, DL arrived home and approached the outside door of the apartment building which requires key access. As DL approached the door, two subjects wearing ski masks to conceal their identify approached DL. The first subject was in all black. The second subject was armed with a black rifle. A woman yelled from a second story balcony, "do not let them in!" Subject one told subject two, "give me that motherfucker", and subject two handed the firearm to subject one. Subject one said, "I'm not going to lie, I'm going to poke her if she don't let me in." DL took subject one's statement to mean that he would shoot DL if she did not let subject one and subject two inside of the apartment building. Fearing for her safety, DL allowed both subjects inside the apartment building using her key to open the locked door.

Both subjects followed DL inside the apartment building and into the elevator. While in the elevator, subject one and subject two traded possession of the firearm before DL exited the elevator on her floor.

Minutes later, DL heard the sounds of pounding and kicking at a door, followed by the screams of a woman. Police arrived on scene shortly thereafter, and DL heard two to three gunshots. DL recognized subject two as a person who has ongoing domestic violence issues with another tenant inside the apartment building.

DEFENDANT DAMARION WILLIAMS-BEAL CONFESSES TO POLICE

On June 17, 2026, City of Milwaukee Police Detectives Michael Braunreiter and Sean Koscielak conducted a custodial interview of Damarion Williams-Beal, during which Damarion Williams-Beal was informed of the *Miranda* warnings and agreed to speak with Detectives Braunreiter and Koscielak.

Damarion Williams-Beal started the interview by admitting that he was “party to a crime”. During the interview, Damarion Williams-Beal referred to Deontau Ransom as his “brother”, though Damarion Williams-Beal only knows Deontau Ransom as “Dee”.

On June 16, 2026, Deontau Ransom and Damarion Williams-Beal were both drinking. Deontau Ransom and Damarion Williams-Beal drove to the apartment building located at 6405 W. Sheridan Avenue. Upon arriving on scene, Deontau Ransom reached into the backseat of the car and produced a firearm, an assault rifle style pistol. Deontau Ransom handed the firearm to Damarion Williams-Beal and asked Damarion Williams-Beal to conceal the firearm inside of his jacket.

Once Damarion Williams-Beal and Deontau Ransom were inside the apartment building, Deontau Ransom took the firearm back. Deontau Ransom approached AM’s apartment door and repeatedly banged and kicked at the door. AM refused to allow Deontau Ransom inside. Deontau Ransom pointed the firearm at the apartment door and continued to threaten AM. While Deontau Ransom was kicking at AM’s apartment door, the magazine to the firearm dropped to the ground. Damarion Williams-Beal picked up multiple rounds from the magazine that fell to the floor.

From inside the apartment, AM yelled that the police were on scene, causing Deontau Ransom and Damarion Williams-Beal to flee. Damarion Williams-Beal heard approximately four gunshots and changed directions, ultimately hiding in a laundry room. While inside the laundry room, Damarion Williams-Beal dumped the rounds of ammunition he picked up off the floor down the laundry chute.

DEFENDANT DEONTAU RANSOM CONFESSES TO POLICE, BUT DENIES ANY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NOT CAPTURED ON SURVEILLANCE VIDEO

On June 18, 2026, City of Milwaukee Police Detectives Michael Braunreiter and Martin Saavedra conducted a custodial interview of Deontau Ransom during which Deontau Ransom was informed of the *Miranda* warnings and agreed to speak with Detectives Braunreiter and Saavedra. During the interview, Detectives Braunreiter and Saavedra presented still images from surveillance video capturing Defendants Ransom and Williams-Beal inside the apartment building.

Deontau Ransom initially claimed to be unable to identify the persons in the images because they were wearing masks. Deontau Ransom also denied that the gun involved was his gun, claiming that the gun must have been left inside the rental car when his mother rented the car.

Eventually, Deontau Ransom admitted that he was the person in the blue sweatshirt captured on surveillance video with a firearm on June 16, 2026. Deontau Ransom denied any of the domestic violence allegations that were not captured on surveillance video, contradicting the statements of numerous citizen witnesses to Deontau Ransom’s actions.

**DEONTAU RANSOM IS A CONVICTED FELON AND CANNOT LEGALLY POSSESS A FIREARM
UNDER WISCONSIN LAW**

Your complaining witness is aware that Deontau Ransom was convicted of a felony offense of Take and Drive a Vehicle Without the Owner's Consent, contrary to Wisconsin State Statute § 943.23(2), a class H felony, in Milwaukee County case 2024CF002889. A review of CCAP shows that two additional counts of Take and Drive a Vehicle Without the Owner's Consent, contrary to Wisconsin State Statute § 943.23(2)t, were dismissed and read-in for consideration at sentencing. Deontau Ransom entered a guilty plea to count one in 2024CF002889 on September 13, 2024, and was sentenced on December 3, 2024. CCAP records establish that the conviction for Take and Drive a Vehicle Without the Owner's Consent remains on Deontau Ransom's record and has not been reversed.

Additionally, a review of juvenile records shows that Deontau Ransom was previously adjudicated delinquent of three felony offenses in Milwaukee County case 2022JV000548. The felony offenses were Hit and Run Causing Bodily Harm, contrary to Wisconsin State Statute § 346.67(1) and 346.74(5)(e), an unclassified felony, Resisting an Officer Resulting in Soft Tissue Injury, contrary to Wisconsin State Statute § 946.41(2), a class H felony, and Operate an Owner's Vehicle Without Consent, a class I felony, contrary to Wisconsin State Statute § 943.23(3). A review of juvenile records further establishes that those charges were administratively closed after Deontau Ransom remained in warrant (capias) status for an extended period of time and was subsequently waived to adult court on the charges that were ultimately filed in Milwaukee County case 2024CF002889.

**DAMARION WILLIAMS-BEAL HAS BEEN ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT OF A FELONY OFFENSE
AND IS PROHIBITED BY LAW FROM POSSESSING A FIREARM**

Your complaining witness has reviewed juvenile records pertaining to Milwaukee County case 2021JV000832 wherein Damarion Williams-Beal was adjudicated delinquent of the felony offense of Operating a Motor Vehicle Without the Owner's Consent, a class H felony, contrary to Wisconsin State Statute § 943.23(2). The juvenile records demonstrate that Damarion Williams-Beal entered an admission to the charge on November 24, 2021, and the adjudication remains on Damarion Williams-Beal's record and unreversed.

****End of Complaint****

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Criminal Complaint prepared by Matthew J. Torbenson.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 06/20/26
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Deputy District Attorney
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