

STATE OF WISCONSIN		CIRCUIT COURT	MILWAUKEE COUNTY
STATE OF WISCONSIN		DA Case No.: 2026ML020792	
Plaintiff,		Court Case No.:	
vs.		CRIMINAL COMPLAINT	
COLE, ELENA STAR 4120 NORTH 84TH STREET MILWAUKEE, WI 53222 DOB: 06/17/1988			
Defendant(s).		<i>For Official Use</i>	

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

Count 1: HARBORING OR AIDING A FELON

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, August 10, 2026, at 4120 North 84th Street, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, with intent to prevent the apprehension of a felon, did harbor that person, and the offense committed by the felon being aided is a Class A felony, contrary to sec. 946.47(1)(a) and (2m)(a), 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.

Count 2: NEGLECTING A CHILD - SPECIFIED HARM DID NOT OCCUR

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, August 10, 2026, at 4120 North 84th Street, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, being a person responsible for the welfare of a child, KH, DOB 11/05/2019, through her failure to take action, for reasons other than poverty, did negligently fail to provide necessary care so as to seriously endanger the physical, mental, or emotional health of the child, and the natural and probable consequences of this violation would be harm under 948.21(3) par (a), (b), (c) or (d), Wis. Stats., although the harm did not actually occur, contrary to sec. 948.21(2) and (3)(f), 939.51(3)(a) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class A Misdemeanor, the defendant may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than nine (9) months, or both.

Count 3: NEGLECTING A CHILD - SPECIFIED HARM DID NOT OCCUR

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, August 10, 2026, at 4120 North 84th Street, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, being a person responsible for the welfare of a child, PH, DOB 09/01/2015, through her failure to take action, for reasons other than poverty, did negligently fail to provide necessary care so as to seriously endanger the physical, mental, or emotional health of the child, and the natural and probable consequences of this violation would be harm under 948.21(3) par (a), (b), (c) or (d), Wis. Stats., although the harm did not actually occur, contrary to sec. 948.21(2) and (3)(f), 939.51(3)(a) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class A Misdemeanor, the defendant may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than nine (9) months, or both.

Count 4: NEGLECTING A CHILD - SPECIFIED HARM DID NOT OCCUR

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, August 10, 2026, at 4120 North 84th Street, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, being a person responsible for the welfare of a child, JJ, DOB 03/02/2011, through her failure to take action, for reasons other than poverty, did negligently fail to provide necessary care so as to seriously endanger the physical, mental, or emotional health of the child, and the natural and probable consequences of this violation would be harm under 948.21(3) par (a), (b), (c) or (d), Wis. Stats., although the harm did not actually occur, contrary to sec. 948.21(2) and (3)(f), 939.51(3)(a) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class A Misdemeanor, the defendant may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than nine (9) months, or both.

Probable Cause:

Your complainant is a Milwaukee County Law Enforcement Officer who bases this complaint on the reports of Milwaukee Police Department Homicide Detectives, all of which were generated in the normal course of business and all of which your complainant has used in the past and found to be reliable.

On Tuesday, August 11th 2026, Detectives Sean KOSCIELAK and Brian MACIEJEWSKI conducted a Mirandized interview of Elena COLE after determining that she had been housing Thomas ZOLLICOFFER at her residence of 4120 N. 84th St. in the City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin who police were actively looking for in relation to multiple homicides that had occurred in Milwaukee.

Detectives spoke to COLE who indicated that she had 3 minor children that live with her: JJ (DOB 3/2/11); PH (DOB 9/1/15) and KH (DOB 11/5/19). COLE told officers that ZOLLIFCOFFER was first in her house around midnight Saturday night into Sunday morning (August 8th-9th 2026). COLE stated she first saw him after getting home from picking up her daughter from State Fair. COLE stated that ZOLLIFCOFFER was intoxicated and crying and she comforted him but ended up leaving after talking to him until about 2 AM Sunday morning. COLE stated that ZOLLIFCOFFER was still at her house on Monday. COLE admitted that she had seen posts on social media looking for ZOLLIFCOFFER. COLE admitted that ZOLLIFCOFFER told her he killed people. When asked why she didn't call the police, COLE stated that she "did not want to get into it." Later, COLE admitted that ZOLLIFCOFFER had told her, while at her residence with her children, that he was just going to have a shoot out with the police.

COLE stated on Monday night she told ZOLLIFCOFFER to leave before she went out drinking but that he didn't leave and she did proceed to go out drinking, leaving her children home with ZOLLIFCOFFER. COLE stated that earlier in the day, after ZOLLICOFFER had told her he was going to have a shootout with police, and after telling ZOLLICOFFER she had "seen the stuff," she again left her home with ZOLLICOFFER still there to "do things." When asked what ZOLLIFCOFFER had told her about the incident, COLE stated that ZOLLIFCOFFER told her "(He) had shot them." COLE further stated that ZOLLIFCOFFER told her that he had shot one of the victims in the head.

Based on the above information, COLE admitted to leaving her children home multiple times, and, allowing a man she knew to have murdered multiple people stay in her home with her children for several days. COLE also admitted that ZOLLICOFFER does drugs and indicated he planned to have a shoot out with the police to prevent him from having to "go back."

****End of Complaint****

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Criminal Complaint prepared by Mallory Davis.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on 08/13/26

Electronically Signed By:

Mallory Davis

Assistant District Attorney

State Bar #: 1093975

Electronically Signed By:

Police Officer Sao Yang

Complainant