

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2023ML005408
Court Case No.:

vs.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

MCADOO, LAZARUS L
2866 NORTH 9TH STREET
MILWAUKEE, WI 53206
DOB: 03/18/2005

Defendant(s).

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

Count 1: FIRST DEGREE RECKLESS HOMICIDE - PTAC, AS A PARTY TO A CRIME, USE OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON

The above-named defendant on or about Sunday, February 19, 2023, at 4109 North 47th Street, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, as a party to a crime, did recklessly cause the death of JP, another human being, under circumstances which showed utter disregard for human life, contrary to sec. 940.02(1), 939.50(3)(b), 939.05, 939.63(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.

Probable Cause:

I am a City of Milwaukee law enforcement officer and base this complaint on my own investigation and on the reports of fellow officers.

On February 19, 2023, at about 6:30 PM, police were called to a shooting at 4109 N. 47th St., City and County of Milwaukee. Upon arrival they found a 13-year-old boy, JP, suffering from an apparent gunshot wound to his chest. Lifesaving measures were unsuccessful, and JP was pronounced deceased on scene.

JP's body was transported to the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner. Dr. Jessica Lelinski performed an autopsy and found gunshot wounds to JP's chest and shoulder. The doctor determined that the cause of death was the gunshot wound of the chest and the manner of death was homicide.

JP's mother and other members of JP's family were inside the residence at 4109 N. 47th when JP was shot. The mother said that she was preparing dinner and had called JP to come get his plate. Suddenly gunfire erupted from outside and bullets struck the house. JP fell and soon died.

The mother said that after the shooting she ran out the front door and saw a car stopped at the intersection of Fiebrantz St and 47th St. The driver got out, stared at her, and made a comment like,

“that’s what that was!” He then got into the car and drove off. **The mother later viewed a photo line-up and identified the driver as the defendant, Lazarus McAdoo.**

Police obtained video from the residence. It showed a silver Chrysler Sebring leaving the area right after the shooting; the car had dark convertible top/ragtop and distinctive markings on the side.

Police examined the scene. They found nine bullet strikes to the west and south sides of the house. In the alley to the south and west of the house, they found seven casings from a 9mm firearm and 15 casings from a 6.8 mm rifle. They found numerous bullets and fragments inside the house.

JP’s mother explained she had been having problems with members of another family and that family’s friends, and that a woman from that group had threatened to shoot up the mother’s house. The genesis of these problems was that JP’s mother had dated a man who had been in a relationship with the woman from the other group. **The aunt of this man lives at 2138 N. 26th St.**

The same evening as JP’s homicide, at about 9:18 PM, **the house at 2138 N. 26th St. was also shot up.** At this shooting scene, police recovered nine 9mm casings and twenty-one 6.8 mm casings. These are the same caliber casings as at the scene of JP’s homicide, and police know that 6.8 mm ammunition is relatively rare.

Police examined the casings recovered from both scenes and made preliminary findings that the 9mm casings at both scenes had all been fired from the same 9mm gun, and the 6.8 mm casings had all been fired from the same 6.8 mm rifle.

Police identified the Chrysler Sebring captured on the camera at 4109 N. 47th St as belonging to Larry McAdoo, who is the defendant’s father. On March 5, 2023, police located and stopped the car. They identified the driver as the defendant, Lazarus McAdoo.

The defendant gave statements to detectives. He denied doing any of the shooting into the house at 4109 N. 47th. He did admit being present in the alley near the house during the shooting. He said he was there at the time of the shooting because he had been at a family get-together and heard that others from the group were going to go to the house at 4109 N. 47th and shoot an occupant. He followed the car of shooters in his Sebring, and after the shooting the shooter with the rifle ran to his car, got in, and he drove the shooter away, back to the family get-together.

The defendant provided police with his phone number. A search of location data for the phone shows that it was in the location of JP’s homicide at the time of the homicide, and it was also at the location of 2138 N. 26th later that same evening at the time that house was shot up. Internet searches on the defendant’s account show that on the evening of the homicide he was contacting sites that had information about 6.8 mm firearms.

****End of Complaint****

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on 05/26/23

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Complainant