

STATE OF WISCONSIN		CIRCUIT COURT	MILWAUKEE COUNTY
STATE OF WISCONSIN		DA Case No.: 2026ML025949	
Plaintiff,		Court Case No.:	
vs.		CRIMINAL COMPLAINT	
RODRIGUEZ-LA COURT, JOUTHEM L 1137 SOUTH 8TH STREET MILWAUKEE, WI 53204 DOB: 05/14/2009			
Defendant(s).		<i>For Official Use</i>	

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

Count 1: SECOND DEGREE RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING SAFETY, USE OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON

The above-named defendant on or about Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 1309 South 15th Street, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did recklessly endanger the safety of others, contrary to sec. 941.30(2), 939.50(3)(g), 939.63(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. 939.63(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.

Count 2: POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON BY A PERSON UNDER 18 - PTAC, AS A PARTY TO A CRIME

The above-named defendant on or about Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 1309 South 15th Street, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, as a party to a crime, being a person under 18 years of age, did possess a dangerous weapon, contrary to sec. 948.60(2)(a), 939.51(3)(a), 939.05 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: OBSTRUCTING AN OFFICER

The above-named defendant on or about Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 700 block W. Madison Street (alley), Milwaukee, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did knowingly obstruct an officer, while such officer was doing an act in an official capacity and with lawful authority, contrary to sec. 946.41(1), 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:

Complainant is a City of Milwaukee Police Detective and bases this complaint on complainant's personal knowledge of this investigation as well as on reports drafted by fellow members of the police department, which complainant has used and relied upon in the past.

On September 30, 2026, between 9:23 pm and 9:44 pm, four civilians called 911 regarding shots fired in the area of the 1300 block of S. 15th Street, Milwaukee. Detective Zachary Cvetan conducted the scene investigation in the alley behind 1309 S. 15th Street. The 1300 block of S. 15th Place shares the alley. In that alley, Detective Cvetan observed a cluster of what was later determined to be twenty .223 caliber casings. These casings were located in close proximity to each other and near the northwest corner of a detached garage at 1309 S. 15th Street. The width of the alley where the casings were located was approximately 25 feet wide. There were 5 residences that were within 95 feet of where the casings were located with the closest being 41 feet northwest of the cluster. All 5 residences were within a direct line of sight to where the casings were located. This includes the residence belonging to VM, which was measured to be approximately 86 feet from where the casings were located. Detectives did not observe any bullet strikes to any vehicles, residences and/or other property. Nor did detectives observe any obvious bullet strikes to the concrete alley.

The 1300 block of S. 15th Street is a high-density residential area. Detective Cvetan reports that a Google Map review of the area revealed at least twenty-six residences which were located on either side of the alley. These homes are a mixture of single family and duplex style residences. Detective Cvetan noted that he could not locate any industrial type buildings which would reasonably be closed and unoccupied at the time of this incident. The alley where this incident occurred runs from north to south. The north end of the alley turns east and directs to S. 15th Street. The south end of this alley connects to a t-alley which directs from east to west. Detective Cvetan reports that the residences are located in close proximity together and that there were several vehicles parked in the alley close to where the casings were located. The main thoroughfare of W. Greenfield Avenue is located approximately one block south of where the casings were located.

Several civilians spoke with law enforcement about what they heard and/or saw. This included, OM, residing at the address of 1312 S. 15th Street indicated that he heard several gunshots coming from the alley west of his residence, between S. 15th Place and S. 15th Street. OM reported that moments later, he observed approximately five individuals riding dirt bikes traveling eastbound through the alley past his residence. OM stated that he believed the dirt bikes were red in color and that some of the individuals were wearing masks while others were not. OM provided law enforcement with video surveillance footage. At least three other residents in the 1300 block of S. 15th Street and 1300 block of S. 15th Place heard gunfire. Several other residents in the 1200 block of S. 15th Place, which directly adjoins S. 13th Place, heard gunfire.

Detectives interviewed VM who resides at 1301 S. 15th Street. VM called 911 at 9:23 pm. VM stated that her son came running into her room after hearing approximately 10 gunshots. VM stated that her son's room faces the rear of the house towards the alley and has a clear view of the alley when you look out the window. VM stated that her son told her that he observed several individuals wearing masks

arguing in the alley about someone knocking over a dirtbike. VM stated that her son observed one of the subjects holding a handgun and then another subject pulled out a larger gun from a backpack. VM stated that her son described the larger gun as the same size as an AK-47. VM stated that her son observed the subject with the larger gun shooting it either in the air or at the ground.

VM's son, AM (who is a juvenile), was interviewed by detectives and stated the following: AM was upstairs in his bedroom about to go to sleep. The window in his bedroom overlooks the alleyway behind the house. AM stated that while he was in bed, he began to hear arguing from outside in the alley. When he turned to look, he observed a group of about nine individuals outside. AM described that most of the individuals were sitting on dirt bikes and there was another male that was seated on the hood of a car. AM stated that the group was arguing in Spanish, and he could not understand what was being said. AM stated that during the argument there was a Hispanic female wearing pink that got between two of the individuals and stopped them from fighting. AM then saw a Hispanic male on a red dirt bike produce a firearm and was holding it over his handlebars. AM stated that the group continued to argue until a Hispanic male wearing a white t-shirt handed another Hispanic male a AK47 style rifle. After getting the rifle, the Hispanic male began to shoot the AK47 in the air. He estimated that there were about 6-7 shots in the air. The Hispanic male then pointed the rifle down and shot as if he was shooting at the tires of the other dirt bikes. AM believed that the second round of shots was approximately 6-7 more. AM stated that there were other subjects near where the shooter was when he fired toward the ground. AM then ran to his mother and told her what she had observed and she called 911. AM described the individual who fired the shots as being a thin build Hispanic male wearing all black and had a facemask on that had white under the eyes.

AM's father, PM, also informed detectives that he had heard the shots and called 911. PM stated that after hearing the first round of shots he looked out their first-floor window and saw the muzzle flashes of the second round of shots. He then heard multiple dirt bikes fleeing the area.

Milwaukee Police Department Officers DF and JR heard the shots fired call referenced above. Within seconds to a minute of the 911 call coming in, Officers DF and JR encountered potential suspects traveling on motor dirt style bikes east in the 900 block of Scott Street and then onto S. 8th Street, Milwaukee. This location is approximately .5 miles away from the original shots fired location. It was reported that Officers DF and JR attempted to stop an individual on a motor dirt bike but the subject refused commands. The male driver dumped the motor bike at the mouth of the alley near 1222 S. 8th Street and ran eastbound in the alley between W. Scott Street and W. Madison Street) on foot. Officers DF and JR exited their marked squad and pursued the subject on foot in the alley. The subject was armed with a rifle style firearm as he fled from officers. The officers ordered the subject to drop the gun but that he refused to do so. During the course of the foot pursuit, Officer DF discharged his firearm several times, striking the subject to his legs. The subject, identified as the defendant, Jouthem RODRIGUEZ-LACOURT, was taken into custody and rendered medical aid.

The defendant was found to have been in possession of a Radical Arms AR-15 style rifle. The rifle, which the officers had observed the defendant running with, was ultimately located in the alley behind 710 W. Madison Street. There were 2 30 round capacity rifle magazines that were taped together. Complainant knows that magazines fastened in this manner are typically used for a quick reload. There were 10 unfired cartridges in one of the 30 round magazines, consistent with 20 having been fired. In the second magazine, there were 30 unfired cartridges. The defendant's fingerprints were found on the tape that bound the 2 magazines together. At the time of his arrest, the defendant was wearing a black hoodie, black gym style pants and black/gray sneakers along with a Nike brand

camouflage face mask with both light and dark colors, including light tan. The defendant's abandoned dirt bike was black and pink in color. The defendant is 5'05 and 150 pounds and is 17 years old.

The twenty .223 casings recovered in the alley were preliminarily compared by a IBIS/NIBIN technician to the Radical Firearms LLC RF-15 .223/5.56 rifle recovered during the defendant's arrest and were determined to have been fired from that gun.

Detective Justin Sokolowski viewed the firearm and ammo described above. The firearm, a Radical Firearms RF-15, with Serial Number of 2-049434 chambered in 5.56. The firearm had no stock and a 16" barrel making it a "Pistol" or commonly referred do as a AR-P. The firearm had a "Firefield" red dot sight with a red laser on the side of the optic. Loaded in the first magazine were (9) PSD stamped unfired 5.56 and (1) Tullammo .223 REM stamped cartridges. All ten rounds were "Green tips." In the second magazine were (28) PSD stamped unfirmed 5.56 cartridges and (2) LC stamped cartridges. All 30 rounds in magazine two were "Green tips." Green Tips are as follows: Green tip 5.56 ammunition (designated as M855) is a 62-grain NATO-standard cartridge featuring a partial steel penetrator tip designed for enhanced barrier penetration. Each bullet has a lead core with a 7-grain mild steel penetrator at the front, covered by a full metal jacket (FMJ) and painted green at the tip. Detective Sokolowski knows that in terms of firepower performance, that this type of ammunition offers better energy retention and barrier-punching capability than standard 55-grain M193 lead-core round, though it is legally classified as rifle ball ammunition rather than true armor-piercing.

****End of Complaint****

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