

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2025ML000270

Court Case No.:

vs.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

MORRIS, QUINTAREZ D
6230 WEST CHAMBERS STREET, # 9
MILWAUKEE, WI 53210
DOB: 09/01/2006

TAYLOR, JEREMIAH N
1212 SOUTH 30TH STREET
MILWAUKEE, WI 53215
DOB: 01/09/2007

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 (As to defendants Quintarez D Morris and Jeremiah N Taylor)

The above-named defendants on or about Wednesday, December 25, 2024, at 1131 South 37th Street, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, as a party to a crime, did recklessly cause the death of ER, 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 defendants 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 defendants 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: FIRST DEGREE RECKLESS HOMICIDE - PTAC, AS A PARTY TO A CRIME, USE OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON (As to defendants Quintarez D Morris and Jeremiah N Taylor)

The above-named defendants on or about Wednesday, December 25, 2024, at 1131 South 37th Street, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, as a party to a crime, did recklessly cause the death of NV, 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 defendants 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 defendants 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 December 25, 2024, at about 11:27 AM, Officer Radivoje Pupovac and Carlos Marquez-Santiago were sent to a shooting at 1212 S. 37th St., City of Milwaukee. Upon arrival they found a white Kia SUV that appeared to have struck a front porch of residence. On the pavement outside the SUV was a male, ER, pulseless and not breathing, with a gunshot wound to the head. Inside the SUV in the back seat was female, NV, with gunshots to the thigh and head. Lifesaving measures were unsuccessful for ER, and he was pronounced deceased on scene. NV was taken to a hospital, where she also died.

The bodies of ER and NV were taken to the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner, where Dr. Joseph Calderaro performed autopsies. As to ER, he found gunshot wounds to the head and chest and concluded that those gunshot wounds were the cause of death and the manner of death was homicide. As to NV, he found gunshot wounds to the head and leg and concluded that those gunshot wounds were the cause of death and the manner of death was homicide.

Detective Alexander Klabunde examined the scene of the shooting. He found 13 spent 10 mm cartridge casings near the intersection of Scott St. and S. 37th Streets. He found the Kia SUV stopped up against the porch steps of a house at 1212 S. 37th St. The Kia had a bullet strike to the front passenger side grill, a bullet strike to the front passenger side quarter panel, two bullet strikes to the front passenger side door, and a bullet strike to the rear passenger side door. The front and rear passenger side windows were shattered.

Police recovered videos from several cameras in the area. The footage shows that the white Kia stops and parks on the side of 37th St., just before the intersection with Scott. It remains stopped for a few moments as if waiting. A black Malibu traveling on Scott St. crosses the intersection, and a light-skinned male leans out of the front passenger window and fires a gun multiple times at the Kia. **The Malibu approached the intersection at a high rate of speed but slowed almost to a stop during the time that the shooter is firing at the Kia. Had the Malibu maintained its speed rather than slowing, it would have been out of range before many of the rounds had been fired.** The Malibu then speeds off. The Kia pulls away from the intersection and travels a short distance down 37th Street, where it first strikes a parked car and then rolls up against the porch where police found it.

Numerous neighbors heard the shots and came out to help the dying victims. Several of these saw two young men get out of the Kia and leave the area.

One of the men who had left the Kia, SV, returned to the Kia after police arrived. He said that he had been in the Kia along with NV (his sister), as well as ER and another man he knew by nickname only. They had arranged to buy weed from a man who told them to stop and wait. While they were stopped, a black car came across the intersection and a man leaned out of that car and started shooting.

The second man who had left the Kia, KC, spoke to police later. He said that he had been driving the Kia. It had stopped to wait for the weed seller, and the black car suddenly came along and the front passenger started shooting. He ducked and hit the gas, then crashed and fled from the car. **KC viewed a photo line-up with Detective Martin Saavedra; he identified the shooter as the defendant, Jeremiah Taylor.** KC said that prior to the shooting there had been bad blood between KC's friend group and defendant Taylor's friend group.

The video footage shows that the Malibu had distinctive damage and features. At about 3:30 PM on December 25, 2024, a Malibu with those features was found burnt in Dineen Park, 6901 W. Vienna

Ave., Milwaukee. Video from a nearby camera shows the Malibu arriving at the park, followed but a Jepp. After smoke is seen from the area of the burn, the Jeep leaves the area.

Detective James Jordan searched the Malibu. Among the items he recovered were 10 cartridges for a 10mm handgun and a spent 10mm casing under the passenger seat.

Police spoke to the owner of the Malibu, Witness 1. She said that the defendant Quintarez Morris, whom she calls her nephew and whom she identified by name and date of birth, had been using the Malibu and had been the process of buying it from her. She said that after she learned it had been burned, she spoke to Morris who told her that he had been driving it during the shooting on the south side. Morris told her the shooter was defendant Jeremiah Taylor, known to him as "Jay." Witness 1 said that defendant Taylor was present during this conversation and told Witness 1 that he (Taylor) had shot at the Kia. Witness 1 said that both Taylor and Morris told her that they burned the Kia later that day. Witness identified defendants Taylor from a photo the police showed her.

On December 30, 2024, defendant Morris was arrested at an apartment in Milwaukee. With him at that time was his friend, Witness 2, who was also arrested. Witness 2 gave a statement to police. Witness 2 said that he was inside the Malibu during the shooting and later drove the Malibu to the burn site. As to the shooting, he said that he was sleeping in the back seat of the Malibu and was awakened by gunshots, at which time he ducked. He said that Morris was driving and "Jay" was the front passenger. He identified defendant Taylor as "Jay" from a booking photo; he also identified defendant Morris from a booking photo. Complainant notes that both Morris and Witness 1 are too darkly complected to match the shooter as seen on the video, whereas defendant Taylor does match the shooter's complexion. As to the burning of the car, Witness 2 said that he (Witness 2) drove the Malibu to the burn site while Morris followed in a Jeep. At the burn site, Witness 2 and defendant Taylor set the Jeep on fire, while defendant Morris waited. Witness 2 and defendant Taylor then got in the Jeep, and defendant Morris drove away.

At the time of Morris's arrest, a valet key was found in the apartment . Detective Jordan took the key and tried it on the Malibu. It opened the locks.

****End of Complaint****

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