

**STATE OF WISCONSIN      CIRCUIT COURT      FOND DU LAC COUNTY**

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
Plaintiff,

vs.

CAIDEN SAGE STACHOWICZ

Menasha, WI 54952  
DOB: 08/09/2005  
Sex/Race: M/W  
Alias:

Defendant.

DA Case No.: 2025FL000274  
Assigned DA/ADA: Eric J. Toney  
Agency Case No.: 25-1898  
Court Case No.:  
ATN: 20002501190047

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

*For Official Use*

The undersigned law enforcement officer with the City of Fond du Lac Police Department being first duly sworn, states that:

**Count 1: ARSON OF BUILDING**

The above-named defendant on or about Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 1:03 AM, in the City of Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, by means of fire, did intentionally damage the building of Property Manager, without that person's consent, contrary to sec. 943.02(1)(a), 939.50(3)(c) Wis. Stats., a Class C Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than forty (40) years, or both.

**Count 2: TERRORIST THREATS - INTERRUPTION OF OPERATIONS**

The above-named defendant on or about Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 1:03 AM, in the City of Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, as an actor who intended to cause an interruption or impairment of governmental operations or public communication, of transportation, or of a supply of water, gas, or other public service, did threaten to cause the death of or bodily harm to any person or to damage any person's property, contrary to sec. 947.019(1)(d), 939.50(3)(i) Wis. Stats., a Class I Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than three (3) years and six (6) months, or both.

**Count 3: ATTEMPT BURGLARY OF A BUILDING OR DWELLING**

The above-named defendant on or about Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 1:03 AM, in the City of Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, attempted to intentionally enter a building, 525 N. Peters Ave., without the consent of the person in lawful possession of the place, and with intent to commit a felony, arson, contrary to sec. 943.10(1m)(a), 939.50(3)(f), 939.32 Wis. Stats., an attempt to commit a Class F Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than \$12,500, or imprisoned not more than six years and three months, or both.

**Count 4: CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY**

The above-named defendant on or about Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 1:03 AM, in the City of Fond du Lac, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, did intentionally cause damage to the physical property of another without that person's consent, contrary to sec. 943.01(1), 939.51(3)(a) Wis. Stats., a Class A Misdemeanor, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than nine (9) months, or both.

**PROBABLE CAUSE:**

Complainant bases the allegations of this complaint upon the report and investigation of officer(s) Corbin West and Officer Da Neng Vang, both of the City of Fond du Lac Police Department. Complainant and the officer(s) are reliable as sworn law enforcement officials.

1. Complainant reports that Office West reports on 1/19/25 at approximately 1:02 a.m., he responded to a structure fire at 525 N. Peters Ave., in the City and County of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Upon arrival Office West observed a male later identified as Caiden Stachowicz, the above named defendant, standing by his vehicle. Office West observed a small fire on the northeast exterior wall of the building. The address for that section of the building is suite 700, which is office space leased by United States Congressional Representative Glenn Grothman and serves as his Congressional District Office. Office West began putting the fire out with his fire extinguisher from the squad car and Office West heard Caiden say that it was an electrical fire.
2. While Office West was still putting out the fire he heard Caiden say that he started the building on fire. Officer West asked Caiden why he set the fire and Caiden said that he doesn't like Representative Glenn Grothman, so he set the building on fire. Caiden was ultimately placed in handcuffs and transported to the Fond du Lac Police Department to be interviewed.
3. Officer West read the defendant his Miranda rights and interviewed Caiden Stachowicz at the Fond du Lac Police Department. Office West began by asking Caiden to tell him what happened. Caiden stated that he went to Kwik Trip in Menasha, Wisconsin and bought gas and matches to start a fire. Caiden stated that he then drove to Fond du Lac looking for Congressman Grothman's Office.
4. The defendant stated he originally went to a previous office location for Congressman Grothman's office and realized the office was no longer there. The defendant then found Congressman Grothman's office building at 525 N. Peters Ave, suite 700 . Caiden stated he tried to break into the building to start a fire inside the office building but was unable to get into the building. Caiden stated he had a glass breaker on his knife and tried to use that to get into a window on the side of the building but that was unsuccessful in breaking the window. Officers observed a possible handprint on a window with damage to the exterior of the window, which appeared consistent with someone attempting to break in through the glass window.
5. Caiden stated he looked for a while on where to start the fire and went to the back off the building where tried to start an electrical box on fire, hoping it would make the fire bigger. Caiden stated he poured gas along the back door and along the wires by the back electrical box. Caiden stated he wanted to pour gas around the side of the building all the way to the front of the building but didn't do so because wind was too strong and he didn't want to set himself on fire. Caiden stated he then dumped gas on the side of the building and on the electrical unit connected to the building. Caiden stated after dumping gas on the building he then lit a match and began watching it burn. Caiden stated he did not want to hurt anyone and did not think anyone was inside of the building. Caiden said he knew that it was a government building and wanted to cause disruption and make a point by starting the building on fire. Caiden said he wished the whole building would have burned down.  
  
Caiden stated that he targeted Congressman Grothman's building and it would be "collateral damage" if other structures burned down. Officer West asked Caiden if he was hoping that someone was inside the building and Caiden said no. Caiden said he doesn't want to hurt anyone and said he didn't want any harm to happen to Glenn Grothman.
6. Office West asked Caiden why he wanted to burn this specific building. Caiden stated it was because Tik Tok was being shut down by the U.S. government and Congressman Grothman voted "yes" to have Tik Tok shut. Caiden stated he believed the shutdown was against his constitutional rights. Caiden said in the past he had done peaceful protests but believes that peace isn't an option anymore, so he set fire to Congressman Grothman's Office.
7. Detective Leek Mikulec, a fire investigator for the Fond du Lac Police, observed the backside of the 525 N. Peters Ave, where the defendant admitted to starting a fire, and saw extensive fire damage to the back door to suite 700 on the north side, along with damage to the west of the door, where the

siding and exterior had been burned off of the building. Your Affiant also observed damage to an electrical unit and the wires running into the building from that unit, which is consistent with Caiden's description of where he stated he started the fire.

8. Detective Mikulec spoke with the defendant in the Fond du Lac County Jail and the defendant stated that after starting the fire he texted his parents telling him started the fire and was going to jail.
9. Complainant further reports that Officer Da Neng Vang reports on 1/19/25, he made contact with the property manager of the above listed address. The property manager stated he did not give anyone permission to cause damage to the property.

Based on the foregoing, the complainant believes this complaint to be true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 01/22/25

Electronically Signed By:

Catherine Block

Assistant District Attorney

State Bar #: 1053966

Electronically Signed By:

Matthew Bobo

Complainant