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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WASHINGTON COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2026WA001226
Assigned DA/ADA: Nikole M Kane
Agency Case No.: 26-14551WCSD
Court Case No.:

vs.

Aaron Michael Maeder

[REDACTED]
West Bend, WI 53095
DOB: 08/02/1971
Sex/Race: M/W

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Defendant,

For Official Use

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states that:

Count 1: HIT AND RUN - INJURY

The above-named defendant on Monday, April 20, 2026, in the Town of West Bend, Washington County, Wisconsin, did operate a vehicle involved in an accident, and failed to reasonably investigate what was struck or, knowing or having reason to know that the accident resulted in injury or death of a person or in damage to a vehicle that was driven or attended by a person, failed to stop the vehicle he was operating as close to the scene of the accident as possible and remain at the scene of the accident until he gave information and rendered assistance as required under sec. 346.67(1); where the accident involved injury to a person, Victim A, contrary to sec. 346.67(1), 346.74(5)(b) and 346.74(5)(e) Wis. Stats., a Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or imprisoned for not more than nine (9) months or both.

PROBABLE CAUSE:

Complainant prays that said defendant be dealt with according to law. Complainant is a sworn officer with the Washington County Sheriff's Department and bases their information upon review of the investigative reports of Deputies of the Washington County Sheriff's Department, whom your complainant believes to be competent and reliable.

Said reports indicate that on April 20, 2026, at approximately 8:37 pm, Deputies of the Washington County Sheriff's Department, were dispatched to the area of Hillcrest Drive and Nabob Drive, in the Town of West Bend, Washington County, Wisconsin, for a report of a hit and run of a pedestrian and dog.

Deputy Strutz arrived on scene and observed a deceased dog on the north side of Hillcrest Drive, along with several scattered plastic pieces. Deputy Strutz made contact with an individual identified as Victim A, who appeared to have blood on his hands and to be bleeding from his face. When asked what happened, Victim A advised he was not sure but was hit by a vehicle and the mirror struck his head and he went unconscious. Victim A ultimately was transported to a hospital for medical treatment.

INTERVIEWS OF VICTIM AND WITNESSES

Deputy Strutz then spoke to Victim A's wife, Witness B, and their two minor children. Witness B advised their family went for a walk beginning west on Hillcrest Drive, with their family dog. Upon reaching Nabob Drive, they began walking back east on the south shoulder of the road. While walking, Witness B stated Victim A was walking slightly in front of her with their dog off leash. Witness B was walking their three other dogs behind Victim A with the two children who were walking to her right on the shoulder.

As they were walking, Witness B heard a truck traveling at a higher rate of speed towards her east on Hillcrest Drive, as if they failed or did not stop at the stop sign on Nabob Drive. At this time, Witness B began waving the flashlight of her Apple iPhone towards the driver to signal them to slow. Witness B moved her children off the roadway while telling Victim A to leave the dog and return to the shoulder. At this time, the vehicle struck Victim A with the front right bumper area, causing Victim A to be thrown towards the right side of the vehicle and ultimately striking the passenger side mirror. Witness B then observed the truck strike their dog before failing to stop and proceeding towards Highway 144 without the vehicle activating their brakes. Witness B advised due to the geography, she was unable to observe the direction of travel on Highway 144. Witness B stated the vehicle never slowed after striking Victim A and their dog, and was traveling approximately 40-45 mph. Witness B was unable to provide any vehicle description other than it was a dark colored truck.

Deputy Strutz noted that the area was dark with no streetlights and that three of the four family members were wearing black/dark colored clothing without reflective striping.

Deputy Strutz collected several vehicle parts left behind in the roadway where the impact occurred.

Deputy Rauch then made contact with Victim A at the hospital. Victim A reported at approximately 8:10 pm that day, he began a walk with his wife, two children, and four dogs. The family was walking westbound on Hillcrest Drive, but turned around at Nabob Drive, and headed back. Victim A was approximately three to four feet in the roadway on the south side of Hillcrest, which is the eastbound lane. Victim A advised that his wife, two children and three of the dogs were in the shoulder of the roadway. Victim A stated that his wife had her phone light on and was facing behind them. Victim A stated that during the course of this walk, three or four vehicles had passed him without incident.

While Victim A was walking eastbound, he advised that he had heard a vehicle coming towards him. Victim A advised that he had moved over along with his family. Victim A stated that he was positioned on the edge of the roadway where the grass and the pavement met. Victim A advised that his dog was directly next to him near his left leg. Victim A stated that he heard the vehicle approaching, but did not look back towards it. Victim A stated that the next thing he remembered was waking up to his wife crying. Victim A advised that he had lost consciousness and was hit by the vehicle. He was unsure how the crash had occurred or anything. Victim A stated by the time he had awoken, the vehicle had already taken off, and he was unable to observe it.

Victim A advised as a result of the crash, he had pain in his left calf and the back of his head. Victim A had a visible red abrasion on his left calf near his ankle. Victim A had small abrasion on his left hand, index finger knuckle at the base of the finger, and had an abrasion on his right

hand from the wrist to his ring finger. On the left side of Victim A's face, he had a red mark, with visible blood near his left cheek bone.

Photographs of Victim A's clothing were taken. Victim A's jacket had a rip along the armpit of the right arm, all the way down to the waist level. On the back of Victim A's jacket appeared to be possible road debris, scrapes, and possible paint transfer where the left arm connects with the back of the jacket. Victim A's jeans had blood on the left calf area.

Victim A denied moving into the roadway in any way prior to being struck and stated he was positioned on the shoulder. Victim A denied being giving anyone consent to strike him or his dog with a vehicle.

On April 21, 2026, Deputy Strutz made phone contact with Victim A to follow up regarding his injuries. Victim A reported that hospital staff advised he most likely sustained a concussion, had a lacerations on his legs, a small abrasion to his left elbow and several small lacerations to his right hand as well as bruising on his lower back.

On April 21, 2026, Deputy Nickols met with Victim A's family for follow up interviews. Victim A advised he suffered a sprained left ankle and was unable to put any weight on it at the moment. Victim A also had road rash on his back on the left side above his hip, in addition to scratches and abrasions.

FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION INTO SUSPECT VEHICLE

Deputies later reviewed the vehicle parts found on scene of the hit and run incident and determined that based on the part numbers, these parts could only be from a 2019-2022 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 vehicle. Deputies spend substantial time and efforts searching for vehicles in Washington County matching this vehicle's description. Upon conducting further investigation into narrowing down the color paint of the suspect vehicle, Deputies were further able to narrow their search and rule out vehicle based on color and weight rating.

On April 23, 2026, Deputy Strutz responded to [REDACTED], in the City of West Bend, Washington County, Wisconsin, to follow up on a possible suspect vehicle that was located by Deputy Droese at that residence. Deputy Droese indicated he located a Gray 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 vehicle, with Wisconsin registration plate of WL1610, with damage consistent with what parts were left behind at the scene.

A Department of Transportation records check was conducted on this vehicle, and it was registered to Aaron M Maeder, DOB 8/2/1971, hereinafter identified as the defendant. The vehicle was located parked at the end of the driveway, and parked next to a black Chevrolet Silverado underneath a tree.

It was determined through FLOCK searches that the Gray 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 vehicle was seen multiple times on the same cameras at very similar times on similar days leading up to April 20th at 10:57 a.m., and no damage was seen on the vehicle at those times. As of April 21st, FLOCK searches yielded no further results of the aforementioned vehicle.

Deputy Droese advised that the sole registered owner of the Gray 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 damaged vehicle was suspected to be driving his mother's truck, a gray Chevrolet Colorado, and would be returning from work shortly.

At approximately 7:30 pm, Deputies observed a gray Chevrolet Colorado vehicle arrive at the residence on [REDACTED]. Deputies made contact with the driver of this vehicle, who identified himself as the defendant. Deputies informed the defendant that they were investigating a hit and run incident where a Gray Chevy Silverado fled the scene. At this time the defendant walked to the passenger side of the suspect vehicle where significant body damage was observed to the front right quarter panel, side view mirror and front bumper. When asked how the damage occurred, the defendant stated, "No I don't know how it got there". When asked when the last time he drove the vehicle, the defendant stated, "Probably Monday", further advising that he was driving it early evening.

When asked if he was the only person who was driving, he stated, "Don't think so" and went on to state "No" when asked if anyone else would drive the vehicle. When asked where he was driving on Monday, April 20th, the defendant stated, "I came along Big Cedar". The defendant elaborated further by stating he was driving eastbound on Highway 33 before turning south at the bar "Our Place" when he saw a herd of deer and wanted to see them. When asked where he traveled after going southbound on Nabob Drive, he stated "towards Big Cedar". When asked what time he believed he was driving this route, the defendant stated "probably 8:30" and confirmed he was by himself. When asked what his day looked like on Monday, April 20th, Aaron stated he went out for lunch before returning home. At some point he left to go to the bar, CC's Place, where he stated he had a single cocktail.

It should be noted at this time the defendant confirmed that he parked his truck at the residence on the night of April 20th and had not moved it since and continually stated that he had no clue how his vehicle sustained damage.

Upon further questioning, the defendant confirmed that he turned south on Highway 33 onto Nabob Drive before turning left and traveling east on Hillcrest Drive. When confronted about not noticing the damage he sustained, the defendant continually stated that he would not hear hitting anything as he had ear plugs in while he was driving. When asked why he was now driving his mother's truck all of sudden, the defendant stated it sits all winter and he has to drive it.

It should be noted, the Chevrolet Colorado has not been observed on FLOCK cameras for 30 days prior to April 23rd.

When asked again if he struck anything on the specific stretch of Hillcrest between Nabob Drive and Highway 144, the defendant stated "no" and continued to state "I have no idea" about how damage was sustained. When asked if it was reasonable to believe that if he hit something, he would notice, the defendant stated "probably".

The defendant was placed under arrest and asked if he would like to answer more question, and he stated, "I already admitted I did it."

Deputy Strutz took photographs of the damage to the Gray Chevy Silverado vehicle and located black dog fur on the license plate screw.

The statements of Victim A and Witness B are accurate and reliable in that their statements are based on events that they personally witnessed and experienced.

The reports of the Washington County Sheriff's Department are accurate and reliable in that their reports are based on an official law enforcement investigation.

All of this occurred within Washington County, Wisconsin.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 04/24/26

Electronically Signed By:

Kristina J Gordon

Assistant District Attorney

State Bar #: 1084309

Electronically Signed By:

Sgt Anthony Conforti

Complainant