

STATE OF WISCONSIN	CIRCUIT COURT	WASHINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF WISCONSIN	DA Case No.: 2025WA001680	For Official Use
Plaintiff,	Assigned DA/ADA: Barry Braatz	
vs.	Agency Case No.: 25-9787GPD	
Melvin R Hinton Reed	Court Case No.:	
Milwaukee, WI 53213	CRIMINAL COMPLAINT	
DOB: 05/14/1986		
Sex/Race: M/B		
Defendant,		

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states that:

Count 1: ATTEMPT FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE, USE OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON

The above-named defendant on Sunday, June 15, 2025, in the Village of Germantown, Washington County, Wisconsin, attempted to cause the death of VICTIM 1, with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a), 939.50(3)(a), 939.32, 939.63(1)(b) Wis. Stats., a Class B Felony, and upon conviction 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.

Count 2: PHYSICAL ABUSE OF CHILD - INTENTIONALLY CAUSE BODILY HARM BY CONDUCT WHICH CREATES A HIGH PROBABILITY OF GREAT BODILY HARM, USE OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON

The above-named defendant on Sunday, June 15, 2025, in the Village of Germantown, Washington County, Wisconsin, did intentionally cause bodily harm to a child, VICTIM 2, DOB 04/23/2010, by conduct that created a high probability of great bodily harm, contrary to sec. 948.03(2)(c), 939.50(3)(f), 939.63(1)(b) Wis. Stats., a Class F Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or imprisoned not more than twelve (12) years and six (6) months, 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.

PROBABLE CAUSE:

Complainant bases the allegations of this complaint upon the reports and investigation of officers of the Village of Germantown Police Department. Complainant and the officer(s) are reliable as sworn law enforcement officials.

On June 15, 2025, at approximately 7:55 a.m., officers with the Village of Germantown Police Department responded to an apartment unit located on [REDACTED], in the Village of Germantown, County of Washington, State of Wisconsin, after dispatch received two 911 calls of an incident that occurred at the apartment. One caller reported that a stabbing had occurred at the apartment.

Upon arrival, Lt. Rechlicz made contact with a female subject, later identified by full name and DOB, but hereinafter referred to as VICTIM 2. VICTIM 2 opened the east entrance door to the apartment building. Lt. Rechlicz observed VICTIM 2 covered in an unknown red substance. VICTIM 2 made statements at the door of please help, she's bleeding, and referenced that it was her mother.

Lt. Rechlicz entered the apartment building and went to the apartment. As Lt. Rechlicz entered the apartment, he observed an adult female, later identified by full name and DOB, but hereinafter referred to as VICTIM 1, laying on the living room floor with a dark colored towel on her chest. Lt. Rechlicz made contact with VICTIM 1 and asked VICTIM 1 if she could hear Lt. Rechlicz. VICTIM 1 waved her left hand. VICTIM 2 then lifted the towel up and observed what appeared to be a nickel-sized puncture wound on VICTIM 1's upper left chest. Lt. Rechlicz directed VICTIM 2 to keep pressure on the wound. Lt. Rechlicz also observed what appeared to be blood on both of VICTIM 1's thighs, both of her hands, on her chest, and on her face. Lt. Rechlicz also observed red stains on the rug VICTIM 1 was laying on, near her head.

Lt. Rechlicz reports that VICTIM 1 made a comment that she was tired. Lt. Rechlicz continued to speak with VICTIM 1 and asked if she could hear Lt. Rechlicz. Lt. Rechlicz had VICTIM 1 grab his right hand with her right hand and Lt. Rechlicz could feel VICTIM 1 squeeze her hand occasionally.

Lt. Rechlicz reports that while performing initial care on VICTIM 1, he observed a cut on the webbing between VICTIM 2's left thumb and index finger. When asked what happened, VICTIM 2, stated, "I don't know, I just woke up, her ex-boyfriend."

Ofc. Laux reports that upon entering the apartment complex, he made contact with one of the 911 callers, identified by full name and DOB, but hereinafter referred to as WITNESS 1. WITNESS 1. WITNESS 1 advised that she called because she heard some arguing and was then told to call 911. WITNESS 1 stated the female resident had been stabbed. WITNESS 1 stated she did not know who stabbed the female.

Upon entering the apartment unit, Ofc. Laux observed the door to be open and observed a tipped over chair, which appeared to be broken. Ofc. Laux observed Lt. Rechlicz tending to VICTIM 1. Ofc. Laux and Ofc. Kuchta cleared the residence and did not locate any other

individuals other than VICTIM 1 and VICTIM 2. Ofc. Laux reports that he observed blood droplets throughout the residence on the floor, primarily in the main hallway, living room, and a bedroom. The blood appeared to be a trail leading from the back bedroom to the living room.

Ofc. Laux made contact with VICTIM 2. Ofc. Laux observed VICTIM 2 had blood on her body. Ofc. Laux observed that VICTIM 2 had a laceration on her left hand that appeared to be consistent with a knife. VICTIM 2 stated she was cut by the knife as she was protecting her mother, VICTIM 1

Ofc. Laux spoke with VICTIM 2 and attempted to gather information. Initially, VICTIM 2 stated she did not know what happened, other than she was awakened by her mom, VICTIM 1, screaming and observed the suspect attacking VICTIM 1 in the living room. VICTIM 2 stated she grabbed a piece of wood from the broken chair in the kitchen and began hitting the male with the wood. VICTIM 2 stated she hit the male in the face with the wood several times. VICTIM 2 stated she was trying to protect VICTIM 1, when she was cut by a knife on her left hand. VICTIM 2 stated, the male kept stabbing VICTIM 1 and VICTIM 2 tried to pull the male off of VICTIM 1 and VICTIM 2 tried to choke the male.

When asked who the man was, VICTIM 2 stated it was VICTIM 1's ex-boyfriend, "Melvin." VICTIM 2 advised the male said something like, "Don't fuck with my son, bitch." VICTIM 2 advised she did not know the male's last name. When asked if VICTIM 2 had the male's phone number, VICTIM 2 stated she did not. VICTIM 2 retrieved VICTIM 1's phone and as VICTIM 2 was checking the phone, she described "Melvin" as a "tall, light skinned, black male with a beard." VICTIM 2 also located a vape device laying on the kitchen floor which she recognized to be Melvin's.

VICTIM 2 stated Melvin did not stay at the residence the previous night. VICTIM 2 advised she did not know where the knife was that was used, but described the knife as a black colored folding pocketknife. Officers asked VICTIM 2 if she knew anything else about Melvin and VICTIM 2 stated she did not, other than he has two sons. VICTIM 2 again advised that she heard Melvin say to VICTIM 1, "Don't mess with my son, bitch."

Ofc. Laux reports the Village of Germantown Fire Department placed VICTIM 1 on a stretcher and escorted VICTIM 1 out of the residence and into the ambulance parked outside. VICTIM 2 advised she believed there was a photo of Melvin on VICTIM 1's phone. VICTIM 2 sent Ofc. Laux a photo of Melvin. Ofc. Laux reports he compared the photo sent by VICTIM 2 to a DOT photo of MELVIN ROMEL HINSTON-REED (DOB: 05-14-1986), hereinafter referred to as the defendant, and believed the photos to match.

Ofc. Laux reports VICTIM 2 advised she believed the defendant lived in Milwaukee but was not sure. VICTIM 2 advised the defendant and VICTIM 1 broke up approximately two to three years ago.

Ofc. Laux reports he was informed by the fire department that they would be conveying VICTIM 1 to Froedtert Main Campus in Milwaukee due to the injuries she sustained. Ofc. Laux was informed that VICTIM 1 sustained a stab wound to her chest area and a slash on her inner

right arm. VICTIM 2's injuries were assessed and due to her age, 15 years old, VICTIM 2 was transported to Children's Hospital.

Ofc. Laux reports he then responded to Froedtert Main Campus and was informed by hospital staff that VICTIM 1 was rushed to emergency surgery. Ofc. Laux was advised that VICTIM 1 sustained a stab wound to the left chest, which entered the Pericardial Sack, which was considered life threatening. Additionally, VICTIM 1 sustained a left upper shoulder laceration, a right outer arm laceration, a right inner arm laceration, a hematoma on the front of her head, a hematoma above her right ear, and scratches on her left leg.

Prior to leaving Froedtert, Ofc. Laux was provided with VICTIM 1's clothing which were soiled in wet blood.

Ofc. Laux reports he then responded to Children's Hospital where he again made contact with VICTIM 2. Ofc. Laux was advised by hospital staff that VICTIM 2 sustained a significant laceration to her left hand, and was complaining of numbness to her neck. Due to the numbness in her neck, VICTIM 2 was in a neck brace. Ofc. Laux was advised that hospital staff would be suturing the injury to VICTIM 2's left hand. Ofc. Laux reports he took photos of VICTIM 2's hand before and after hospital staff sutured VICTIM 2's hand.

Ofc. Laux reports that VICTIM 2 informed him that she had sustained additional scrapes and cuts on her body, which consisted of two large scratches on her lower back, above her buttocks, a scratch located on the back of her left shoulder, a small scratch on her upper right back area, a scratch on her left knee, several scratches on her left foot and near her ankle, a scratch on her lower chest area, and two scratches on the inside of her left knee.

Ofc. Laux reports VICTIM 2 advised that she woke up at approximately 8:00 a.m., to her mother screaming. VICTIM 2 also described hearing a crashing sound and she thought something had fallen. VICTIM 2 got out of bed and went into the living room and observed the defendant on top of her mother, VICTIM 1, hitting her and hurting her. VICTIM 2 tried to intervene and tried to push the defendant off as VICTIM 2 got in between the defendant and VICTIM 1.

VICTIM 2 stated she began punching and kicking the defendant and the defendant threw VICTIM 2 to the ground. VICTIM 2 stated she then obtained a piece of wood, which she believed was broken from the chair in the kitchen, and hit the defendant in the head with it. VICTIM 2 stated she got in between the defendant and VICTIM 1 as the defendant was attempting to stab VICTIM 1, and VICTIM 2 pleaded with the defendant not to do it. VICTIM 2 stated the defendant then stabbed at her, which caught her in the left hand. VICTIM 2 stated she watched as the defendant stabbed VICTIM 1 in the chest area. VICTIM 2 continued to plead with the defendant to stop and eventually the defendant stopped and left through the front door.

VICTIM 2 stated that after the defendant left the residence, VICTIM 2 called 911, approximately two minutes after he left.

VICTIM 2 stated that after the defendant left, VICTIM 1 yelled for VICTIM 2 to lock the door and call 911. VICTIM 2 advised that once she called 911, she was instructed to stop the bleeding and do CPR, which she attempted to do. VICTIM 2 stated that while she was attending to VICTIM 1, VICTIM 1's body seemed lifeless, and VICTIM 1 was making gurgling noises. VICTIM 2 stated she observed the wound to her mother's right shoulder area, as well as a stab wound to her mother's chest area that was bleeding. VICTIM 2 obtained a towel to put on VICTIM 1's chest to stop the bleeding. VICTIM 2 stated she then utilized CPR on VICTIM 1.

When asked how VICTIM 2 knew who Melvin was, she advised she recognized him instantly and knew all of her mother's ex-boyfriends. VICTIM 2 described the knife as a foldable pocketknife and she observed the defendant take it out of his pocket and use it on VICTIM 1. VICTIM 2 described the knife as a black/gray foldable pocketknife. VICTIM 2 described the defendant as wearing all black, specifically a black hooded sweatshirt and possibly gray sweatpants.

Det. Jones reports he also responded to Froedtert and was advised by hospital staff that VICTIM 1 had been in surgery, was intubated, and was on life support.

Det. Bloch reports he canvassed the area and made contact with an employee at GT Vapor, located at [REDACTED], in the Village of Germantown, County of Washington, State of Wisconsin. Det. Bloch observed surveillance video from GT Vapor which captured the majority of the parking lot outside, and across to Legend Ave. At approximately 7:49 a.m., on June 15, 2025, a blue semi tractor without a trailer, entered the parking lot. The semi was traveling west on Mequon Road before turning into the only entrance to the shopping center on Mequon Road. The vehicle then continued north, then turned and parked facing south towards McDonald's and Legend Ave. Det. Bloch observed an individual wearing a reflective yellow traffic vest, exit the driver's side of the vehicle and begin walking south, immediately crossing Mequon Road and staying on the west side of the road.

At approximately 7:54 a.m., Det. Bloch observed the male subject cross Mequon Road from Legend Ave., still on the west side. The male was no longer wearing the yellow traffic vest, but as he approached, Det. Bloch observed that the male was holding what appeared to be the traffic vest in his right arm. The male was also wearing a black or dark colored shirt and blue jeans. The male appeared to have a slender build and a bald or shaved head. The male then entered the semi and left the scene at approximately 7:57 a.m.

Det. Bloch reports he utilized Flock safety cameras and located the semi on a Germantown camera at 8:00 a.m. on June 15, 2025, and was able to determine the license plate number. Det. Bloch was able to determine the semi-truck belonged to Trans Am Trucking Inc., out of the State of Kansas. Det. Bloch made contact with Trans Am Trucking and spoke with a supervisor. The supervisor advised that the truck was equipped with a GPS device, and the semi-truck was currently stationary at a truck stop in Gary, Indiana. The supervisor confirmed that the employee operating the vehicle was Melvin R. Reed.

Det. Bloch reports Captain Schmitt made contact with Indiana law enforcement and requested assistance in locating the defendant. Det. Bloch reports he was later notified by dispatch that the defendant was taken into custody in Indiana following a pursuit and crash.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 06/17/25

Electronically Signed By:

Barry Braatz

District Attorney

State Bar #: 1098312

Electronically Signed By:

Detective Shaun Whealon

Complainant