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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2023ML024652

Court Case No.:

vs.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

ESKRIDGE, DJUAN
4331 NORTH 19TH STREET
MILWAUKEE, WI 53209
DOB: 10/30/2004

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, USE OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, October 9, 2023, at 3888 North 7th Street, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did recklessly cause the death of WJE, another human being, under circumstances which showed utter disregard for human life, contrary to sec. 940.02(1), 939.50(3)(b), 939.63(1)(b) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class B Felony, the defendant 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.

Probable Cause:

Complainant is a City of Milwaukee law enforcement officer and bases this complaint upon the reports of fellow law enforcement officers. Complainant has relied on similar reports in the past and has found them to be true and accurate. Complainant knows that said reports were written in the normal course of police business. Said reports indicate the following:

Officer Perkins stated that on October 9, 2023 he responded to a shooting at the address 3888 N. 7th St., City and County of Milwaukee. Perkins stated that when he arrived on scene, he observed homicide victim WJE and multiple spent casings. Perkins stated that he then held the scene for detectives.

Detective Donahue stated that he arrived on scene shortly thereafter and located 15 spent 9mm casings near WJE's body, and multiple fragmented bullets. A preliminary forensic review determined that all 15 of the spent casings had been fired from the same gun.

Detective Flannery stated that he arrived on scene and interviewed various witnesses. Flannery stated that he interviewed JA, who stated that the victim WJE was her adult son, and that the man who shot him was D'Juan Eskridge, the above-named defendant, who is her grandson and also WJE's son. JA stated that prior to the shooting, the defendant arrived at the scene with his brother, DE, and two other unknown men. JA stated that DE and WJE entered into a physical confrontation, and that WJE did not

have any weapons. JA stated that during the fight she observed the defendant produce a firearm and shoot WJE multiple times. JA stated that after WJE fell to the ground, the defendant walked closer to him and shot additional rounds at WJE.

Dr. Calderaro subsequently conducted an autopsy of WJE, in which he determined that WJE had a total of 31 gunshot wounds to his body. The autopsy indicated that WJE had sustained those gunshot wounds to his head, chest, abdomen, pelvis, back, buttocks, upper extremities, and lower extremities, causing perforations to his lungs, heart, aorta, and small and large intestines. Dr. Calderaro ruled WJE's death a homicide due to complications from gunshot wounds.

Detective Flannery stated that he also spoke to witness JL. JL stated that he had observed the argument and physical fight between WJE and DE. JL stated that prior to the fight, DE had removed his shirt. JL stated that he tried to deescalate the fight, but that he was unsuccessful. JL stated that he observed the defendant shoot WJE multiple times.

Detective Maciejewski stated that he responded to the MPS Success Center, located at 3872 N. 8th St., and collected video surveillance footage which showed portions of the shooting. The video shows DE with his shirt off, wearing white sneakers, engaged in a physical altercation with WJE, consistent with what JL described. The video then shows DE put his black hooded sweatshirt back on, and continue to engage with WJE. The video then shows the defendant, who is also wearing a black sweatshirt, but distinctively wearing black sneakers produce a gun and fire in the direction of WJE, retreat briefly, and then reapproach WJE and continue shooting. The video then shows DE and the defendant fleeing the scene.

****End of Complaint****

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Criminal Complaint prepared by Daniel T. Flaherty.
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on 10/17/23

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Daniel T. Flaherty

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Brian Maciejewski

Complainant