

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Plaintiff,

-vs-

**DEAN M SUTCLIFFE**

321 Scott St  
Mazomanie, WI 53560  
DOB: 12/31/1997  
Sex/Race: M/W  
Eye Color: Hazel  
Hair Color: Brown  
Height: 6 ft 1 in  
Weight: 190 lbs  
Alias:

Ref. Agency: Dane County Sheriff's Office  
DA Case No.: 2015DA001353  
Assigned DA/ADA: Paul L. Barnett  
Agency Case No.: DCSD 15-44529

Court Case No.: **2015CF** 306  
ATN: 13001502100244

Defendant,

**COMPLAINING WITNESS**

Dawn Leatherberry, Brian Wilder, Cathie Kisow, Matthew Beyer, Duane Fuller  
Joshua Nordstrum, Julie Visger, Mark Voigt or Charles Wallace

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The above-named complaining witness being first duly sworn states the following:

**Count 1: FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE**

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, February 09, 2015, in the Town of Mazomanie, Dane County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of Christopher Schwichtenberg, with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a), 939.50(3)(a) Wis. Stats., a Class A Felony, and upon conviction shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life.

**Count 2: FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE**

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, February 09, 2015, in the Town of Mazomanie, Dane County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of A.A.B. (dob 02/18/1998), with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a), 939.50(3)(a) Wis. Stats., a Class A Felony, and upon conviction shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life.

**FACTS:**

Your complainant is a Deputy with the Dane County Sheriff's Office, and for this complaint is relying on the written police reports submitted by Dane County Sheriff's Office Deputy Richard Larson, Deputy Brenda Reinen, Deputy Brent Baverstock, Deputy Brian McKenzie, Detective Coy Bethel, Detective Jason Wiest, and Detective Kathy Dorn.

Deputy Larson reports that on Monday, February 9, 2015, at approximately 11:25 p.m., he was dispatched to the address of 10359 County Highway Y, Lot 7, in the township of Mazomanie, Dane County, Wisconsin, for shots fired.

Dispatch advised that there were two victims of a shooting and the suspect was currently outside with the weapon. Deputy Larson parked his squad short of Center Street, and proceeded on foot towards Center Street and Highway Y. Once Deputy Larson got to Center Street, he noticed at that point, what appeared to be the suspect, later identified as Dean M. Sutcliffe, date of birth December 31, 1997, the defendant herein, standing under a street light.

Deputy Larson removed his service revolver and proceeded towards Sutcliffe. Deputy Baverstock was on Deputy Larson's right proceeding with him as well. The command was given for Sutcliffe to put his hands in the air, get in the kneeling position, and lie on the ground with his hands behind his head.

Upon contact with Sutcliffe, who was in the prone position with his hands behind his head, Deputy Larson returned his service revolver back to his holster. Deputy Larson placed his handcuffs on Sutcliffe and took him into custody. During this time, Sutcliffe stated, "I did something really bad." He also stated, "I'm going to jail, huh?"

Prior to rolling Sutcliffe over onto his buttocks to search him, Deputy Larson asked him if he had any weapons on him prior to being searched. Sutcliffe stated, "the weapon is on the black backpack over there." Deputy Larson observed the backpack which was located approximately fifteen feet from Sutcliffe. There was a revolver on top of the black backpack to include a holster to the left of the backpack. It appeared that there was a pair of white gloves and to the right of the backpack was the shells that appeared to be in an 'American Eagle' shell casing box. The shells appeared to be a .22 type round.

Sutcliffe was arrested without incident.

Deputy Reinen reports that at approximately 11:25 p.m., she heard dispatch advise of a man with a gun that had possibly shot two individuals on County Highway Y in the town of Mazomanie. Dispatch advised that the reporting party, Mary Brady, was locked in a bedroom and that the suspect, identified as Dean Sutcliffe, was her daughter's ex-boyfriend.

As Deputy Reinen arrived on location, she observed Deputy Larson securing an individual on the ground who was later identified as Dean Sutcliffe. Deputy Reinen reports that she and Deputy Schiro entered the front of the residence at which time they encountered a female later identified as Mary Brady.

Deputy Schiro and Deputy Reinen continued to the rear of the residence where Deputy Reinen observed a white male lying on the ground on his left side near the rear door with his head and part of his shoulders out of the door. This male was later identified as Christopher Schwichtenberg.

Deputy Fitzpatrick and Deputy Reinen moved Schwichtenberg outside of the residence onto the deck and turned him onto his back. At this point and time, while Deputy Fitzpatrick checked for a pulse and began doing chest compressions, Deputy Reinen attached the

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AED to Schwichtenberg. EMS continued compressions until a medic arrived and pronounced Schwichtenberg deceased.

Deputy Reinen then entered the rear of the residence and stood by Deputy Fitzpatrick outside of the bedroom of a 16-year-old juvenile whose name forms the initials A.A.B. (dob 02/18/1998). Deputy Reinen did observe a white female later identified as A.A.B. in the bedroom on top of the bed. Deputy Reinen did notice what appeared to be a gunshot wound in A.A.B.'s forehead.

Deputy Baverstock reports that at approximately 11:25 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2015, he overheard dispatch announce that two people were shot in the township of Mazomanie. Deputy Baverstock began responding to the address of the reported shooting at 10359 County Highway Y. While enroute, Deputy Baverstock was advised by dispatch that two people had been shot and there were additional persons inside of a mobile home who were being locked in a bedroom. Deputy Baverstock was further advised that Sutcliffe was standing outside in the carport area. Deputy Baverstock arrived on location at approximately 11:41 p.m. along with Deputy Rick Larson.

Deputy Baverstock obtained his patrol rifle and was surveying the area of the trailer park attempting to ascertain the location of the suspect. While assessing the scene, Deputy Rick Larson ran up to Deputy Baverstock's location stating that he observed where Sutcliffe was.

Deputy Baverstock then responded to the area where Deputy Rick Larson had observed Sutcliffe. Deputy Larson and Deputy Baverstock approached the area and Deputy Larson pointed out the person he believed to be Sutcliffe. Deputy Baverstock observed a white male standing in the middle of the intersection of what was later determined to be First Street and Center Drive in the center of the trailer park under a street light.

This white male was wearing clothes similar to the description of the suspect, which had been aired by dispatch. This male was standing in the intersection with both hands raised above his head and appeared to not be in possession of any firearms.

Deputy Baverstock began to approach Sutcliffe while pointing his rifle at him and ordered him down to the ground to lie on his stomach and place his hands behind his head. Sutcliffe complied and Deputy Baverstock directed Deputy Larson to place Sutcliffe into handcuffs.

While Deputy Baverstock was approaching the front door of the trailer, he observed a silhouette of a person in the window, which would be on the southwest corner of the trailer leave that room. A few moments later the front door of the trailer opened and a female stated that there were two people shot and they were "bleeding to death." She pointed Deputy Baverstock to the direction of where those people were and Deputy Baverstock responded. Deputy Baverstock observed that on the far south end of the trailer and through an open doorway, which connected to the carport, was a male who was lying head first with his head pointed to the south and his legs were still in the doorway of the trailer.

Deputy Baverstock observed this person did not appear to be breathing and had blood about the area of his face. Deputy Baverstock looked around and observed there was a

second person in a bedroom on the southwest corner of the trailer. This person had been pointed out to Deputy Baverstock by the female who had let him into the residence. Deputy Baverstock observed that the person inside this room was a white female approximately 17-years of age and that she appeared to have no signs of life. Deputy Baverstock observed the injuries to this victim and from his experience observed what appeared to be a very close range gunshot wound to her face in the area between her eyebrows. Deputy Baverstock again observed no signs of life as he checked for a pulse in both her carotid arteries and her wrists.

At approximately 12:30 a.m., Deputy Baverstock wanted to monitor Sutcliffe closer and took a seat in the driver's seat of the squad car in which Sutcliffe was seated.

Deputy Baverstock reports that at 12:32 a.m., Sutcliffe stated, "Five months ago today I started dating her and now I killed her." A few moments later he stated, "I'm never getting into a relationship again. I got into this one and I ended up killing two people." A few moments later he stated, "Even when she was dead I still talked to her," and "It was so easy. Why was it so easy?"

A few moments later, Sutcliffe stated, "I walked an hour and a half and killed two people." During the following moments, Sutcliffe would go on to state that he had obtained the gun, which belonged to his father and that he did not believe that the gun had ever been fired before and that the first time that the gun had been fired was to kill two people.

Deputy McKenzie reports that on February 9, 2015, at approximately 11:25 p.m., emergency tones were aired stating that a Mary Brady was reporting that two people had been shot inside of her residence at 10359 County Highway Y, Lot 7 in the town of Mazomanie.

Additional information came out that the suspect, later identified as Dean Sutcliffe, was now out in the street and Deputy Baverstock and Deputy Larson had arrived on scene and were going to tactically approach Sutcliffe. Deputy McKenzie and Deputy Fitzpatrick were the third and fourth units on scene. After Deputy McKenzie parked his squad on County Highway Y, he ran down near Center Street where he saw Deputy Larson with a male who was matching the description of the suspect. Deputy Larson then advised Deputy McKenzie that he had Sutcliffe in custody.

Once inside the residence, Deputy McKenzie was immediately greeted by Mary Brady, who informed Deputy McKenzie that her daughter and her boyfriend weren't moving. Deputy McKenzie immediately went to the southwest portion of the trailer and observed a white male lying on his side with blood around his nose. Deputy McKenzie later identified him as Christopher Schwichtenberg. Schwichtenberg was being attended to by Deputy Fitzpatrick and then Deputy McKenzie went inside the side room and observed Deputy Baverstock was with the female victim A.A.B. Deputy Baverstock advised Deputy McKenzie that he believed A.A.B. was deceased.

After Deputy McKenzie was able to get Mary to calm down, he asked her if she could help identify everybody inside the residence. Mary then started to give Deputy McKenzie information about all the people and stated, "Dean did this. Dean Sutcliffe or however you say it." Deputy McKenzie asked Mary what she saw and what she remembered. Mary

stated that she saw Dean on the camera at their southwest door. Mary stated that both she and Christopher recognized him on camera and wondered why he was there so late. Mary stated when the door was opened, Dean immediately started to shoot Christopher and stated, "You took A.L.B. away from me. You deserve this." Mary stated that she started to run for her safety, and this was when she called 911.

Detective Bethel reports that on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, he was off duty. At approximately 12:15 a.m., Lieutenant Nygaard informed Detective Bethel there had been a shooting in the town of Mazomanie, and requested his assistance with the incident.

Detective Bethel was informed that A.A.B.'s sister, a 15-year-old juvenile whose name forms the initials A.L.B. (dob 05/10/99), and A.A.B.'s father, Justin Brady, were going to be responding to the Mazomanie Police Department. Detective Bethel immediately responded to the Mazomanie Police Department and arrived first.

Detective Bethel reports that at approximately 1:45 a.m., a van pulled up, which was driven by Justin Brady. In the back seat of the van, was A.L.B. Detective Bethel advised them that he would like to first speak with A.L.B.

At approximately 2:00 a.m., Detective Bethel met with alone with A.L.B. in the second conference area.

A.L.B. stated she has been living with her father, Justin Brady, for approximately two weeks; before that she lived with her mother for approximately a semester. Her mother is Mary Brady.

Detective Bethel asked A.L.B. if she was familiar with Dean Sutcliffe. A.L.B. stated she has known Dean for approximately five months. They met at school when they both went to Wisconsin Heights. A.L.B. stated that she felt their relationship could "last awhile." A.L.B. did consider them to be boyfriend and girlfriend.

A.L.B. stated that Dean had threatened to kill A.L.B.'s sister. Detective Bethel confirmed with A.L.B. she meant A.A.B. Dean had threatened to "skin her." Detective Bethel asked A.L.B. to explain this to him.

A.L.B. stated that Dean was mad that A.L.B. had moved back in with her father near Deerfield approximately two weeks ago. Dean blamed A.A.B. for this.

Approximately four months ago, Dean had given A.L.B. his "Dog tags." A.L.B. explained these were military tags that Dean wore on a chain around his neck. After A.L.B. moved away she was considering ending the relationship with Dean; therefore, she gave the tags to A.A.B. to give back to Dean. A.L.B. stated that Dean was upset he never got his tags back and he blamed A.A.B. for this.

Detective Bethel asked A.L.B. when it was that Dean had threatened to hurt A.A.B. and she stated it was the previous night. This conversation took place via text message; however, A.L.B. later clarified when she said text message she actually meant via an application on A.L.B.'s tablet, which is called "KIK."

Following this conversation, A.L.B. continued to text Dean with things similar to, "You don't care," and "we're through."

Detective Wiest reports that he spoke with a 12-year-old juvenile whose name forms the initials C.M.S (dob 2/20/02) at approximately 3:10 a.m., in her living room. C.M.S. stated that she has a brother named Dean who she calls Dean Junior or D.J. He is seventeen years old, and in the eleventh grade at Wisconsin Heights High School.

Detective Wiest asked C.M.S. if her brother has any girlfriends and she stated that her brother D.J. used to have a girlfriend but she moved to Cambridge approximately two weeks ago and her name was A.L.B.

Detective Wiest asked C.M.S. to tell him about her day. C.M.S. stated that after school she rode the bus home and arrived sometime around 3:40 p.m. C.M.S. said she went upstairs to watch TV in her parent's room and her brother was also home at this time.

C.M.S. stated that Dean came upstairs at approximately 9:50 p.m. C.M.S. stated that her mom went to work around 9:30 p.m., and said that her dad, Dean Sr., generally works from 2:00 p.m. until approximately 1:00 a.m.

C.M.S. advised Detective Wiest that she was sitting on her parent's bed watching TV when Dean came in and was looking for something. C.M.S. asked her brother what he was looking for, and Dean stated, "The key for the gun safe."

C.M.S. stated that Dean did not have to look long for the key. Once he did have the key to the gun safe, he went to the little gun safe that sits on top of another larger gun safe that holds rifles. C.M.S. stated that Dean took dad's pistol from the little gun safe. C.M.S. stated she thought he might have grabbed some additional "Ammo" but stated, "I'm not sure."

C.M.S. told Detective Wiest she went downstairs to use the bathroom. She said she saw Dean in his room. C.M.S. said that she went back upstairs after using the bathroom and remembered shutting the lights off and laid down on the bed. She said she could hear Dean downstairs yell up to her saying, "I'm going to my friend's house."

C.M.S. said Dean yelled up, "Love You" and C.M.S. responded by saying, "Love you too." C.M.S. asked, why he was going so late and Dean stated that he was going to get some fresh air. She said he was standing in the doorway near the back door and the lights were off. Dean said as he was leaving, "I left a note for mom and dad." C.M.S. stated, "Okay then" and Dean added to C.M.S. that she should not read it.

Detective Wiest asked C.M.S. if she could describe the note to him and she told him that it said something similar to "Dear mom and dad I'm sorry for what I'm going to do. Tell nana that I love them." Detective Wiest inquired as to whom "nana" was. C.M.S. stated nana was her mom's mom.

Detective Dorn reports that on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, Christopher Schwichtenberg was transported to the Dane County Morgue located in the Dane County Public Safety Building, where Doctor Tranchida performed an autopsy. During the autopsy, four entry gunshot wounds were located.

Doctor Tranchida advised that the cause of death to Schwichtenberg was gunshot wounds of the head, torso, and right upper extremity. Doctor Tranchida stated the manner of death is homicide.

Detective Dorn reports that on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, A.A.B. was transported to the Dane County Morgue, where Doctor Tranchida performed an autopsy. During the autopsy, two entry gunshot wounds were located.

Doctor Tranchida advised that the cause of death to A.A.B. was gunshot wounds of the head. Doctor Tranchida stated the manner of death is homicide.

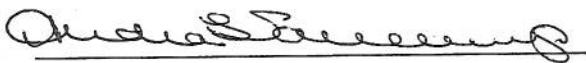
**\*\*THIS COMPLAINT IS BASED ON** the information and belief of your complainant, who is a Deputy for the Dane County Sheriff's Office, and who learned of the above offense from the reports of Dane County Sheriff's Office Deputy Richard Larson, Deputy Brenda Reinen, Deputy Brent Baverstock, Deputy Brian McKenzie, Detective Coy Bethel, Detective Jason Wiest, and Detective Kathy Dorn, which reports your complainant believes to be truthful and reliable inasmuch as they were prepared during the course of the officer's official duties.

Further, your complainant believes the information furnished by Mary Brady, A.L.B., C.M.S., and Doctor Tranchida, to be truthful and reliable inasmuch as they are citizen informants and witnessed the events described.

Your complainant believes the statements of the Defendant to be truthful and reliable insofar as they are admissions against penal interest.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,  
and approved for filing on:

This 12th day of February, 2015.



ASSISTANT/~~DEP~~-DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN



COMPLAINANT