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**STATE OF WISCONSIN                      CIRCUIT COURT                      MILWAUKEE COUNTY**

**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**Plaintiff,**

**DA Case No.: 2024ML003835**  
**Court Case No.:**

vs.

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

INGRAM, KAVONN L

DOB: 01/26/1993

**Defendant(s).**

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THE BELOW NAMED COMPLAINANT BEING DULY SWORN, ON INFORMATION AND BELIEF STATES THAT:

**Count 1: FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE - PTAC, AS A PARTY TO A CRIME, USE OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON**

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, February 5, 2024, at or near 124 North Chicago Avenue, in the City of South Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, as a party to a crime, did cause the death of Alexander Stengel, another human being, with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a), 939.50(3)(a), 939.05, 939.63(1)(b) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class A Felony, the defendant shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life.

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: HIDING A CORPSE - PTAC, AS A PARTY TO A CRIME**

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, February 5, 2024, at or near 124 North Chicago Avenue, in the City of South Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, as a party to a crime, did hide a corpse with the intent to avoid prosecution for a crime, contrary to sec. 940.11(2), 939.50(3)(f), 939.05 Wis. Stats.

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

**Count 3: ROBBERY, ARMED (USE OF FORCE) - PTAC, AS A PARTY TO A CRIME**

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, February 5, 2024, at or near 124 North Chicago Avenue, in the City of South Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, as a party to a crime, with intent to steal, by the use or threat of use of a dangerous weapon, did take property from the person of Alexander Stengel, the owner, by use of force against the person of the owner with intent thereby to overcome that person's physical resistance or physical power of resistance to the taking or carrying away of said property, contrary to sec. 943.32(1)(a) and (2), 939.50(3)(c), 939.05 Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class C Felony, the defendant may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than forty (40) years, or both.

#### **Count 4: POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A FELON**

The above-named defendant on or about Sunday, February 11, 2024, at or near [REDACTED], [REDACTED], City and County of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, did possess a firearm, having been convicted of a felony in this state, contrary to sec. 941.29(1m)(a), 939.50(3)(g) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class G Felony, the defendant may be fined not more than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or imprisoned not more than ten (10) years, or both.

#### **Probable Cause:**

Complainant is a City of South Milwaukee Police Officer and bases this complaint upon review of South Milwaukee police reports, as well as involvement in this investigation. Those reports revealed the following:

#### **Discovery of Alexander Stengel's Body**

On February 7, 2024, City of South Milwaukee Police Officer Steve Hesse was dispatched to the area of the Pizza Hut at 124 N. Chicago Avenue, City of South Milwaukee, County of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin for a body found inside a garbage can behind the dumpsters at this address. Upon arrival, Officer Hesse observed JP, a garbage truck driver, who stated that there was a garbage can behind the dumpsters that looked like it had a body in it.

Officer Hesse walked into the dumpster crib area, separated by chain link fencing, where the dumpsters for the Pizza Hut are located. As he walked into the crib area, Officer Hesse observed **a 55 gallon trash can on wheels** directly behind the dumpster on the west side of the crib. Officer Hesse could observe what appeared to be a semi-transparent plastic bag over the top of the garbage can. As he approached the can, Officer Hesse could see shoes attached to feet and legs sticking out of the can and underneath the plastic bag.

Officer Hesse further observed that underneath the garbage can was a pool of what appeared to be blood. Officer Hesse states that the pool of blood was consistent with the garbage can leaking.

Together with other officers who arrived to assist, Officer Hesse observed what appeared to be dried blood drips that lead from the dumpster crib area and in a southeast direction. **The suspected blood trail went from the crib area to the Pizza Hut building at 124 N. Chicago Avenue.** The blood trail could be tracked through the lot and **ended at a metal door on the south side of the Pizza Hut building, which leads into the kitchen of the restaurant.**

Based on these observations, officers believed that a suspect had wheeled the body out of the restaurant in the wheeled garbage can and towards the dumpster crib. This would be consistent with the homicide occurring inside the restaurant.

#### **Scene Investigation**

Complaint is further based upon the statement of Investigator Nathan Siefert of the South Milwaukee Police Department who was dispatched the area of the Pizza Hut to conduct a homicide scene investigation. Upon arrival, Investigator Siefert observed the large wheeled garbage can behind the dumpster in the dumpster crib. He also observed what appeared to be blood on the outside of the can

and pooling on the ground underneath the can. Investigator Siefert lifted the bag and confirmed that there was a human body inside the can.

Investigator Siefert was present as South Milwaukee Police Officers removed the body from the trash can. It was determined that two garbage bags were used to cover the victim. At this point, Investigator Siefert observed that the deceased was wearing a Pizza Hut name tag affixed to his shirt with the name "Alex" on it. The deceased was later determined to be Alexander Stengel via his fingerprints.

During a check of the victim's pockets, officers determined that the victim's **wallet, keys, and cell phone** appeared to be missing. Looking at the victim's body, Investigator Siefert observed several holes in the victim's skull, a laceration across his throat and stab wounds in his high upper torso. The holes appeared to be caused by a gunshot.

Based upon the blood trail from the dumpster crib area to the restaurant, South Milwaukee Police Department obtained a search warrant for the Pizza Hut. Investigator Siefert stated that the vast majority of the restaurant appeared dirty, with the tiled kitchen floors clearly greasy through the back kitchen area. However, a portion of the tiled kitchen floor just past the front counter into the kitchen appeared uncharacteristically clean when compared to the rest of the floor. It appeared that this one particular area had been cleaned, but not the rest of the floor.

Likewise, toward the rear of the kitchen area was a set of double metal doors. The left door was grimy, while the right door appeared clean. Investigator Siefert observed cleaning product spray droplets all around the right edge of this clean door.

Both of these areas appeared to have been recently cleaned when compared to the rest of the kitchen area.

Investigator Siefert further noted a garbage bag near the rear door of the Pizza Hut. The bag appeared to be the same as the plastic bags which covered the victim in the garbage can outside. Also next to the rear door was a grey heavy duty trash can on wheels, which appeared identical to the wheeled garbage can in which the victim's body had been located.

In the far back area of the kitchen, Investigator Siefert located a small utility closet. The non-hinged side of door had what appeared to be blood on it, and was tested with a phenolphthalein test and presumptively tested positive for blood. Within the closet was a slop sink on the floor, which appeared to be used for mop buckets. There were several pieces of what appeared to be coagulated blood/flesh on the bottom of the slop sink. The mop in the closet had what appeared to be bloody handprints on the handle. The light switch for the closet had what appeared to be a blood smear on it. Lastly, the fabric mop head also had blood on it.

These observations are consistent with the victim having been killed in the kitchen area of the Pizza Hut, wrapped in a garbage bag from the restaurant, placed in a garbage can, and then wheeled outside to the dumpster crib area.

### Autopsy

Complaint is further based upon the statement of Dr. Jessica Lelinski, an Assistant Medical Examiner with the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office, who assisted Dr. Charles Rohrer, a Forensic Pathology Fellow in conducting an autopsy of the victim, Alexander Stengel. Dr. Lelinski is licensed to practice medicine in Wisconsin and is trained and experienced in the field of forensic pathology.

During the autopsy, Dr. Lelinski and Dr. Rohrer observed a gunshot entry wound to the victim's right temple, which exited the back of the victim's head. There was soot around the wound, consistent with a contact wound to the head.

Additionally, the victim had a cut across his throat that did not appear to completely cut through the skin. The victim also suffered two puncture wounds below the cut to the victim's throat. These puncture wounds were to the right side of the victim's neck, one of which made it into the victim's chest cavity.

Lastly, the victim suffered two additional puncture wounds caused by blunt force trauma to the left side of the victim's head. At least one of these wounds caused a skull fracture.

Dr. Lelinski determined that the manner of death was homicide.

### **Surveillance Video**

Complaint is further based upon the statements of Officer Matthew Klecha and Investigator Siefert of the South Milwaukee Police Department, who collectively reviewed the security video from Taco Bell, located north of the Pizza Hut and which has a camera that captures the area of behind Pizza Hut leading to the dumpster crib.

Importantly, that security video shows that **February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:25 a.m.**, a suspect wearing black clothing leaves the area consistent with coming from the Pizza Hut. This suspect can be seen dragging a garbage can from the area of the Pizza Hut and towards the area of the dumpster crib. On the video, this suspect appears to be struggling to pull the garbage can, as though the garbage can contains a heavy object. In the video, the garbage can appears consistent with the garbage can the victim's body was discovered in. In addition, the path taken by the suspect in the video is consistent with the path of blood droplets seen by investigators at the scene as already discussed above.

At **10:26 a.m.**, the suspect wearing black clothing can be seen returning to the area of Pizza Hut from the area of the dumpster crib. The suspect is no longer dragging a garbage can. Complainant states that this is consistent with this suspect dragging the can containing the victim's body to the crib and leaving it there before returning to the Pizza Hut.

Investigator Siefert has watched the security video from Taco Bell that covers this same area from the time the can containing the victim's body was dragged to the dumpster crib on 2/5/24 until the time police arrive on 2/7/24. At no point in the video does it capture anyone else dragging this garbage can to or from the crib area.

**Thus, this is consistent with the victim being killed, placed in the garbage can, and dragged to the crib area all before 10:25 a.m. on 2/5/24.**

### **Statement of TB**

Complaint is further based upon the statement of TB, the regional manager for Pizza Hut. TB indicated that the victim, Alexander Stengel, is a long time employee of Pizza Hut. TB looked at the computer records for Pizza Hut, several of which were emailed to investigators at the South Milwaukee Police Department.

Those computer records show that the victim clocked in for work at the Pizza Hut located at the above location at **9:30 a.m.** on 2/5/24. The records show that the victim prepped the register at 9:56 a.m.

The records then show the register was opened at 10:09 a.m., which TB stated was unusual as there would not have been any reason to open the register since there had not been a sale.

Importantly, TB stated that the computer records show that the victim clocked out of work at **10:50 a.m.** Complainant states that this is important as the security video described above shows that the can containing the victim's body had been dragged from the Pizza Hut to where it was located approximately 25 minutes earlier. Thus, the suspect logged the victim out of the Pizza Hut computer after the victim had been killed and his body hidden in the garbage can that itself was hidden behind the dumpsters in the dumpster crib.

Complainant notes that this is consistent with **the suspect being familiar with the Pizza Hut computer system and time management system. This is of course consistent with the suspect being an employee of Pizza Hut.**

TB further was able to identify the above named Defendant as one of the Pizza Hut employees that works at the Pizza Hut located at 124 N. Chicago Avenue, South Milwaukee.

TB also stated that on 2/3/24, while at work, the victim had shown a large roll of cash to several employees. TB identified the above Defendant as one of the employees that knew the victim had a large amount of money. Complainant notes independent investigation revealed that the victim had cashed an inheritance check at a location in Cudahy, just before heading to work that day. Thus, complainant states that it is likely that the victim had the \$7,000 from that check in his possession on 2/3/24 while at work that day.

Lastly, TB notes that the victim was supposed to work 2/6/24 but did not show up to work. This is of course consistent with the victim being killed before 10:25 a.m. on 2/5/24 inside the Pizza Hut, and then being placed in the garbage can which video shows was then transported to the back lot where it was later found in the dumpster crib.

TB provided the victim's phone number and the Defendant's phone number from their employee records.

### **Statement of AU**

Complaint is further based upon the statement of AU, the general manger for the Pizza Hut at 124 North Chicago Avenue, in the City of South Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. AU stated that the victim was schedule to work at Pizza Hut on 2/5/24. AU stated that she was home watching tv when she received a text from the victim's phone in which the text message stated, "*Had a brain fart what's the door code again? Left my keys in the store.*" A review of AU's cell phone confirmed this text message which shows that this text message occurred on **10:28 a.m.** Complainant notes that this text message occurs 3 minutes after the video shows the garbage can containing the victim's body is dragged to the location where it was hidden. Thus, this text message is consistent with the suspect taking the victim's phone and using it to text AU.

AU stated that she then received a phone call from the victim's phone. Her cellphone shows that this call occurred at 10:29 a.m. AU indicated that she thought it was the victim, but noted that the phone was muffled and it sounded windy.

Lastly, AU stated that she received another text message from the victim's cell phone. Her phone shows that this text message occurred at **11:07 a.m.** which states:

*Been here since 8:30. I'm still feeling nauseous after throwing up 3 times. The last time I even threw up a lil blood. Tried to smoke a cigarette to ease my stomach, but still sweating like a pig. It seems like I keep getting worse so I'm heading out. Already clocked out. Did what I could, but I need to get checked out or something.*

Complainant again notes that this text message occurs after the garbage can containing the victim's body is dragged to where it was hidden. Thus, this text message to the general manager which attempts to explain the victim's absence without alarm, when combined with the logging out of the computer shows that the suspect is familiar with Pizza Hut procedures and the individual workers at this specific Pizza Hut.

### **Identifying the Defendant as the Suspect**

Complaint is further based upon the statement of several South Milwaukee Police Officers who conducted further investigation into the security video from Taco Bell. That video shows that on 2/5/24 at 11:01 a.m., a suspect that matches the description of the suspect seen dragging the garbage can, as described above, on the north side of the Pizza Hut. The suspect then moves along the side of the building, cuts across the parking lot and then crosses N. Chicago Avenue to the bus stop at that corner.

South Milwaukee Police Officer Logan Staege then reviewed security video for the Milwaukee County Transit Bus 6020 which shows that bus stop at the intersection of N. Chicago Avenue and College Avenue. This is the same intersection the suspect can be seen crossing to.

At approximately **11:05 a.m.**, an African American male wearing a black jacket, black pants, black shoes, **a black hat with ear flaps**, and **a black/blue/white Kevin Durant backpack**, enters the bus. This time is consistent with the time that the suspect could be seen leaving Pizza Hut and crossing to this bus stop. Officer Staege did note that the suspect was wearing a black and blue COVID style mask that covered portions of the suspect's face.

The video shows this suspect sit in the 2<sup>nd</sup> row of seats behind the rear door on the passenger side of the bus. Importantly, the suspect can be seen removing an item, which appears to be a cellphone, from his right pants pocket. The suspect can be seen looking down at this phone and appears to be manipulating it.

At **11:07 a.m.**, the suspect can still be seen looking at what appears to be the phone and appears to be manipulating as though sending a text message. **This is of course consistent with the text message sent from the victim's phone to AU as described above**, thus further confirming that this is the suspect seen in the videos at Pizza Hut disposing of the garbage can that contained the victim's body.

The suspect appears to stop manipulating the cell phone at **11:09 a.m.**

The suspect remains on the bus until exiting the bus at 11:45 a.m. at the location of N. Water Street and East Juneau Avenue in Milwaukee.

Based upon this video, as well as other videos, Captain Dan Fournier attempted to determine how the suspect got to the Pizza Hut on 2/5/24. In reviewing security video from the Wendy's at 240 N. Chicago Avenue, Captain Fournier found security camera that had a clear and unobstructed view of the bus stop at Chicago and Badger Avenue. In this video, Captain Fournier observed Milwaukee County Bus #15 arrive at the bus stop at approximately 8:26 a.m.

The video shows a suspect, wearing all black clothing with a hood up, consistent with the suspect seen on the Taco Bell video disposing of the garbage can that contained the victim's body, as well as the suspect seen on Bus 6020 leaving the area with what appears consistent with the victim's cellphone. Captain Fournier observed that this suspect walks from the area of the bus stop towards the area consistent with going to the Pizza Hut described above.

Complaint is further based upon the statement of South Milwaukee Police Officer Craig Perkowski who reviewed the security video from Bus #15. That video shows a male subject wearing dark colored pants, dark colored shoes, **a dark colored hat with ear flaps**, and carrying a **black/blue/white Kevin Durant backpack** board the bus at 7:44 a.m. on 2/5/24 at the intersection of North Holton and West North Avenue in Milwaukee.

Importantly, this male subject appears to wearing the same clothing and same backpack as the suspect on the bus with the victim's phone as described above after the homicide. Even more importantly, on this bus trip to the Pizza Hut, the suspect is not wearing a mask.

A still photo of this suspect was shown to both TB and AU and they both identified the suspect as the above mentioned Defendant.

The bus video shows the Defendant on the bus until he exits at 8:26 a.m. at the intersection of North Chicago Avenue and Badger Avenue in South Milwaukee. The video then shows the Defendant walking in the direction of the Pizza Hut.

This is consistent with the Defendant being the suspect seen on the video taking the garbage can containing the victim's body from the Pizza Hut and hiding it in the dumpster crib.

### **Cell Tower Mapping**

As indicated above, South Milwaukee Police were able to obtain both the Defendant's and victim's cell phone numbers from Pizza Hut employee records. The cell phone records for both numbers were obtained via a search warrant and turned over to Special Agent George Riennerth, who is trained and experienced in mapping cell phone locations based upon tower data.

Special Agent Riennerth states that the cell phone records for the Defendant's phone are consistent with the Defendant's phone traveling down to the Pizza Hut by approximately 8:30 a.m. on 2/5/24. This is of course consistent with the Bus Video which shows the Defendant traveling to the area of the Pizza Hut by approximately 8:26 a.m.

He further states that the phone records for both the Defendant's phone and the victim's phone are consistent with both phones being in the area of the Pizza Hut from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 10:53 a.m.

The records for both the Defendant's phone and the victim's phone then have records consistent with traveling northbound from the area of the Pizza Hut from approximately 11:02 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. There is no further location information for the victim's phone after 11:09 a.m. This is of course consistent with the Bus Video which shows the suspect consistent with the Defendant traveling northbound on a bus at this time, as well as manipulating a cell phone consistent with the victim's cell phone until approximately 11:09 a.m. when that manipulation stops.

The cellphone records for the Defendant's phone continue northbound from 11:11 a.m. to 12:36 p.m. consistent with bus video and security video from Downtown Milwaukee, which shows the suspect consistent with the Defendant in that area.

This of course is all consistent with the Defendant being the suspect on the Taco Bell video that drags the garbage can containing the victim's body, taking the victim's cell phone, and taking it with him on bus back to Milwaukee, while placing one last text message to AU while the Defendant is on the bus. This is thus consistent with the Defendant being the individual that killed the victim inside the Pizza Hut and knew how to log the victim out and text a reason for his disappearance to the manager. Thus, this is consistent with the Defendant killing the victim, stealing his wallet and phone, and hiding his body in a garbage can.

### Tracking of Defendant's Cell Phone And Arrest of Defendant

Complainant states that on February 9, 2024, South Milwaukee Police obtained a search warrant to obtain location data for the Defendant's phone number. Location data starting February 10, 2024, showed the Defendant in the area of [REDACTED], City and County of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin, which has a rear cottage with the address of [REDACTED], City and County of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin.

South Milwaukee Police Department and the Milwaukee Police Department then began surveillance on the residence. On February 11, 2024, Officer Logan Staege, conducting surveillance on the residences, at 9:00 a.m. observed an African American male walking towards the front of the residence. Officer Staege determined that this was consistent with this male leaving from the back cottage, which is [REDACTED]. Importantly, the male was wearing a **black/gray hat with ear flaps**. Investigator Caitlin Schmidt and Lt. Dave Hoepfner then drove past the subject and positively identify the male as the above mentioned Defendant.

Using surveillance and location data, the Defendant was tracked to the location of 3131 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue where he was arrested. Police seized the Defendant's black/gray winter hat with ear flaps which appeared to the same hat the Defendant was wearing on video on the day of the homicide.

### Search Warrant at Defendant's Home

Complaint is further based upon the statement of Investigator Nathan Siefert, who along with other South Milwaukee police officers, executed a search warrant at the Defendant's residence at Dr. William Finlayson Street, City and County of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin, after the Defendant was arrested.

Upon arrival, officers knocked on the door and announced the police presence. It was determined that JC, the Defendant's girlfriend and her daughter. Upon being read the warrant, JC immediately asked **"Is this about Alex?"** and **"It's about Alex, isn't it."** JC stated that the Defendant told her that the victim had been found "with nothing on his person", which complainant notes is a fact not released to the public or to any witness interviewed by police. JC was then shown a still photo of the suspect on the bus leaving Pizza Hut after the homicide and identified the suspect as the Defendant and identified the clothing, hat, and backpack as items belonging to the Defendant.

JC also indicated that the Defendant told her that the victim had told the Defendant of a large settlement the victim was going to get. JC stated that she asked the Defendant "If there's a gunshot, don't you think the Taco Bell people or something would have heard it or whatever? And the Defendant stated, "the head works as a silencer. So if you and him are in the back of the store, **and you gun is to his head, and you shoot him in the head**, it works as a silencer, and no one is gonna hear it."

Complaint is further based upon the statement of Lt. Dave Hoepfner who along with other officers performed the search at the Defendant's residence. In the bathroom, officers observed red/brown



stains in the bathroom sink. Also in the bathroom, officers recovered a white towel with red/brown stains on it believed to be blood.

In the bedroom, officers recovered a pillowcase that had what appeared to be a blood stain on it.

In the living room of the Defendant's residence, Captain Fournier recovered a red and black backpack that contained a Taurus G2C 9mm handgun containing 3 unfired FMJ 9mm cartridges. In that same backpack was a check from Pizza Hut in the name of the Defendant.

### **Defendant's Prior Criminal Record**

Complaint is further based upon the review of CCAP records which show that the Defendant was convicted on June 6, 2016 of the felony offense of Attempt Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Deliver in violation of Wis. Stat. Sec. 961.41(1m)(cm)1g and 939.32 in Racine County Case 16 CF 269. Said conviction remains of record and unreversed.

\*\*\*\*End of Complaint\*\*\*\*

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