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STATE OF WISCONSIN	CIRCUIT COURT	MONROE COUNTY
STATE OF WISCONSIN Plaintiff,	DA Case No.: 2021MO001347 Assigned DA/ADA: Sarah M. Skiles Agency Case No.: 2021-0840 Court Case No.: 2021CF ATN: DNA taken: 06/18/2021	
vs.		
THOMAS WAYNE ASPSETER 16986 Icarus Road Sparta, WI 54656 DOB: 07/01/1984 Sex/Race: M/W Eye Color: Brown Hair Color: Black Height: 5 ft 6 in Weight: 282 lbs Alias: Also Known As Thomas W. Aspseter Defendant.	CRIMINAL COMPLAINT	
		<i>For Official Use</i>

The undersigned of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department or a designee thereof, being first duly sworn, states that:

Count 1: FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE

The above-named defendant on or about Sunday, June 6, 2021, Monroe County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934), with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a) Wis. Stats., a Class A Felony, and upon conviction shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Count 2: ATTEMPTED FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE

The above-named defendant on or about Sunday, June 6, 2021, Monroe County, Wisconsin, attempted to cause the death of M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945), with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a), 939.32 Wis. Stats., a Class B Felony, and upon conviction may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) years.

Count 3: ATTEMPTED FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE

The above-named defendant on or about Sunday, June 6, 2021, Monroe County, Wisconsin, attempted to cause the death of M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948), with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a), 939.32 Wis. Stats., a Class B Felony, and upon conviction may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) years.

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Count 4: AGGRAVATED BATTERY, USE OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON

The above-named defendant on or about Sunday, June 6, 2021, Monroe County, Wisconsin, did cause great bodily harm to M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945), by an act done with intent to cause great bodily harm to that person, contrary to sec. 940.19(5), 939.63(1)(b) Wis. Stats., a Class E Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), or imprisoned not more than fifteen (15) years, 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.

Count 5: AGGRAVATED BATTERY, USE OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON

The above-named defendant on or about Sunday, June 6, 2021, Monroe County, Wisconsin, did cause great bodily harm to M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948), by an act done with intent to cause great bodily harm to that person, contrary to sec. 940.19(5), 939.63(1)(b) Wis. Stats., a Class E Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), or imprisoned not more than fifteen (15) years, 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 relates that she has reviewed incident reports prepared by Deputy Jason Rice, Detective Kirk Bedenbaugh, and Detective John Brose of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, law enforcement officers believed to be truthful and reliable, whose reports are modified in part and quoted herein, and which indicate as follows:

Report of Deputy Jason Rice

On 06/06/2021, I was dispatched to a report of a disturbance at a residence at 16986 Icarus Rd in the County of Monroe. While I was responding to the scene, I learned that a suspect identified as Thomas had attacked three people with an axe and that Thomas had shot himself in the throat with a .22 caliber rifle.

At approximately 11:51 a.m. I arrived on the scene and observed Officer Seubert had a subject that was in custody. This suspect was later identified as Thomas Aspseter. I observed that Thomas was covered in what appeared to be blood. I observed that Sparta Area Ambulance was on scene and was providing medical assistance to Thomas and another male subject. I observed that there was a male subject lying on his back in the driveway. This individual was later identified as M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945).

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M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) had a large amount of blood on his head and torso. I walked closer to M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) and saw that he had a large cut on his face that appeared to run from the top of his nose to his mouth. When I observed M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945), he was conscious but did not appear to be alert.

After observing M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945), I walked back to where Thomas was in custody. I overheard EMS personnel state that Thomas had a gunshot wound under his chin. A short time later, an entry wound was located on Thomas's chin. I asked Thomas what his name was. He told me, "Thomas Aspseter." He then stated that he could not speak because he had a gunshot wound. I observed that a black .22 caliber rifle was lying in the grass near Thomas. At this time, a La Crosse County Sheriff's Deputy Lucas Probst had arrived on the scene.

Sgt. Ames, Deputy Probst, and I then walked into the garage of the residence and began to clear the residence. We proceeded to open the door to the residence. The door opened into a kitchen area. I observed there was a large amount of what appeared to be blood on the kitchen floor. Sgt Ames entered the residence; first, I entered second. Sgt. Ames and Deputy Probst cleared into the living-room and bedroom areas. I cleared into a small hallway just off the kitchen. I approached and discovered an elderly male that was lying face up in a large pool of blood. I saw a large, deep cut mark near his left temple. It appeared that an axe had caused the injury. I also noticed that the subject's left eye was completely crushed from the impact. I saw no breathing or chest rises coming from the subject. I placed my hand on the subject's carotid artery and felt no pulse. The subject was lying at the landing for a stairwell that led to the basement of the residence.

Sgt. Ames and I then proceeded to clear the basement of the residence. Upon entering the basement, I observed what appeared to be blood on the floor. Additionally, I observed a large wood-splitting axe leaning against the couch. I believed this to be the murder weapon. The rest of the basement was cleared, and we returned upstairs. A second sweep was conducted of the upstairs. No other subjects were located in the residence. The residence was then secured and labeled a crime scene.

I then walked outside the residence and was informed that a victim was currently across the street at a neighboring residence. I then proceeded to the neighboring residence and made contact with the victim. She was identified as M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948). I observed she had bandages on her forearm. I introduced myself to M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) and asked her if she could tell me how she had been injured. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) told me that B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934), M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945), and her had gotten home from Waukesha earlier that day. She told me that they were at a family function. She explained that B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) had opened that door to his residence and saw Thomas inside. She noted that B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) was very upset that Thomas was there. B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) told Thomas to grab his belongings and get out of his residence. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) told me that M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) felt uneasy about the situation and

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entered that house with B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934). A short time later, M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) heard B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) scream. She told me that Thomas then attacked M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) and struck him in the face with an axe. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) stated that she witnessed M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) fall to the ground. She explained that Thomas then swung that axe at her. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) told me that she was struck with an axe on her right arm. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) stated that she then ran for her life and left the residence. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) told me that during the incident she did not hear Thomas say anything. She told me that there was nothing out of the ordinary that led up to this incident. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) was then treated by EMS and transported to Gunderson Lutheran Hospital.

I then spoke with the residents of the neighboring home. They were identified as John and Bobbie Evans. Bobbie told me she had been keeping an eye on B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934)'s property over the weekend. She explained that B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) had been out of the area for a family function. Bobbie told me that she had not seen anything suspicious happen at B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934)'s property over the weekend. Bobbie told me that she never witnessed anyone enter the property while B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) was away. She told me that earlier in the morning of 06/06/2021, she observed B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934), M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) and M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) return home. She told me that she went over and spoke with everyone. Bobbie explained that they talked for approximately 15 minutes before she went back to her residence. A short time later, Bobbie stated that she was on the phone when she witnessed M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) running down her driveway. Bobbie told me that she observed a large piece of skin hanging off of M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948)'s right arm and could see that she was bleeding. Bobbie stated that she called 911 and heard M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) say that she was worried about M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945). Bobbie told me that she then saw Thomas come out of the garage holding an axe, moaning as if he was in pain or anguish. Bobbie told me that she took M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) inside and had her daughter call her husband. Bobbie told me that a short time later, John arrived.

John told me that he observed a male subject standing in B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934)'s driveway when he turned onto Icarus rd. John explained that initially, he believed the subject was B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934). As he got closer, he realized that it was M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945). John noted that M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) was covered in blood. He observed that M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) had a large gash across his face. I was told that M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) was attempting to call 911 on his cell phone but couldn't due to the amount of blood on the phone. John told me that he then witnessed Thomas come out of the garage holding a firearm. I was told that law enforcement then arrived and ordered Thomas to drop the firearm. Thomas complied and was taken into custody without incident.

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Report of Detective Bedenbaugh

I, Detective Kirk Bedenbaugh, was notified of a homicide which occurred late Sunday morning on June 6th, 2021 at 16986 Icarus Road in Sparta. When I arrived on scene I was briefed on the situation by other law enforcement. I was informed B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) was deceased in his residence with an apparent head injury. I was told B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934)'s grandson, Thomas Aspseter, was the suspect and he had used an axe. I was told Thomas also used the axe on B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934)'s brother, M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945), and M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945)'s wife, M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948). I was told M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945)'s injuries were to his head and were critical. I was told M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) had suffered injuries to her arm. Thomas was transported to the hospital after a self-inflicted gunshot wound with a 22 caliber rifle.

Detective Brose went to apply for a search warrant for the residence and I conducted interviews with neighbors.

I was briefed by Deputy Rice that M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) had fled the residence and went next door, across the street for help. The house directly across the street is owned by John and Bobbie Evans. Bobbie was home at the time of the incident and John came home shortly after. In the roadway, and up the Evans' driveway I could see a trail of blood. I took several photos of the blood droplets leading up to their garage. In the garage area there was a small pool of blood and additional droplets which were photographed. I was informed by other deputies on scene that Bobbie and John were already interviewed.

I next went and conducted interviews with all adjacent neighbors to see if there were any other details they could provide.

I made contact with Ruth and Doris Dethart. Doris is the mother-in-law to Ruth.

Doris stated on Friday evening approximately 7 p.m. Thomas came to her house asking if she had a key to B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934)'s house. Doris stated she did not have a key and wasn't able to help him get back into the house. Doris was aware that Thomas had been staying at B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934)'s house in the past. Doris stated she was also aware that B.W.W. had left for the weekend.

Ruth stated a friend of hers, Erin Schultz, had reached out to her because she had picked up a hitchhiker on Friday. Ruth stated Erin was concerned because she had dropped the person she picked up off on Icarus, and believed it was possibly Thomas and now was hearing rumors of what had happened. I obtained Erin's contact information to speak to her at a later time. Ruth stated it was believed he was dropped off Friday evening near the time when he asked for a key. When Thomas was told Doris did not have a key he said he would just break in. Doris did not know how he would do this.

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Doris said when she did speak to Thomas briefly he said he had been out in Utah but was going back to Wyoming for a job. Doris said she invited Thomas inside to visit but he declined. Doris said Thomas told her he wanted to take a shower and would break in. Doris said she had heard from a different neighbor that Thomas was using B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934)'s lawn mower and had driven it down the road on Saturday. Doris stated she has known Thomas for a few years and knew he was B.W.W.'s wife's grandson, and not biologically B.W.W.'s (DOB: 02/06/1934)'s. B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934)'s wife had been placed in a nursing home a few weeks prior according to Doris.

I was able to make contact with Anne and Dennis Sprain. Neither had any information about the current incident but stated they were aware that on Thursday (June 3rd) B.W.W. was taking Thomas to the bus station. They were also aware B.W.W. was going out of town on Friday (June 4th) for the weekend.

I was able to speak with Christopher and Calista Mathison. Olaf Mathison was also over visiting when I was there and he resides in Rockland. Christopher stated that on Friday evening (June 4th) Thomas came over and spoke to them. They estimated the time was around 7 p.m. They stated Thomas told them he was concerned about his grandpa because his vehicle was at the residence and he wasn't coming to the door. Thomas asked to borrow a crowbar so he could force entry into the house to check on his grandpa. Christopher stated his reasoning seemed logically so he did borrow him a crowbar. Christopher stated Thomas went around the back of the house and returned the crowbar a short time later. They also stated they saw Thomas using the mower on Saturday and mowing the lawn. He was then later seen riding the mower down Icarus towards Iberia.

On 6/7/21 I attended the autopsy of B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) at UW-Health in Madison. The pathologist who performed the autopsy was Dr. Robert Corliss. See his report for further information but B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) suffered a single strike blow to his head that penetrated deep within his skull.

On 6/8/21 I was able to speak to Erin Schultz. Erin stated she picked up Thomas hitchhiking near the Tomah Fairgrounds on Friday evening. She stated during the course of the ride to Sparta, she was able to gather who he was because she knows many Sparta people. She stated she dropped him off on Icarus. Where she described would have been his grandparents' house. She stated she dropped him off between 6 or 7 p.m. Erin said she was told he was out in Nevada working and had been hitchhiking, and was in Chicago over Memorial Day. She stated he had told her he spent two days with some girl from Tomah. I asked Erin if he brought up anything reference his grandparents and she said no. I asked Erin if she remembered anything else that would be significant on the ride to Sparta and she said no.

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I received the 911 calls made reference the incident and they were entered into evidence. Detective Brose transcribed the phone call made by Thomas. The call made by Thomas came from the residential phone number for 16986 Icarus Road according to dispatch.

Report of Detective Brose

On June 6, 2021 I, Detective Brose was assigned to a homicide investigation at 16986 Icarus Rd Sparta, WI. When I arrived on scene, the scene was secured with crime scene tape as well as multiple officers on scene.

I was informed that the homeowner, B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) was deceased within the residence. I was informed that the suspect, the grandson identified as Thomas Aspseter had used an axe as a weapon to kill B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934). I was also informed that Thomas had struck B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934)'s brother M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) in the face/head and struck M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945)'s wife M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) in the arm. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) ran across the street to seek help.

I gathered information from Deputy Rice who was one of the first officers on scene. After gathering information I applied for a search warrant for the property/address of 16986 Icarus Rd. Sparta, WI. The search warrant was signed by Judge Radcliffe at 2:59PM. The search warrant was executed at 3:21PM.

At the residence, I completed a walk-through of the residence with my body camera to show video of the entire scene. On the south side of the driveway was a blood covered pillow as well as additional medical supply wrappers that were used to treat M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945). There appeared to be a numerous droplets of blood from the driveway to the entry door of the residence through the garage. As I entered the residence, there was a large amount of blood toward the north side of the kitchen, as well as different area of smaller blood stains on the kitchen floor and cabinets. As an axe was the alleged weapon of use, there was a noticeable blood pattern that appeared came off of the axe on to the top level on the cabinets near the stove as it appeared the suspect had swung the axe and blood came off of it. As I turned right after entering the kitchen, there was a laundry room that led to the stairwell to the basement as well as a bathroom tucked in the east part of the laundry room. At that point, I noticed a set of legs lying on the floor with blood droplets and blood stains near the body. As I walked to the deceased, believed to be B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934), I noticed a large amount of the blood pooled up behind the head of B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934), as well as some blood stains on his shirt. I continued back through the kitchen where I noticed .22 caliber rounds laid out on the kitchen counter. Continuing through the kitchen, a living room opened up to the north of the kitchen. Attached to the living room was a hallway that led back to a bathroom straight ahead and two bedrooms to the north. In the far north bedroom, I noticed a jewelry box that was lying on the bed open that was filled

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with jewelry. The other bedrooms and the bathroom towards the south of the far north bedroom, didn't appear to have been disturbed.

Continuing to the top of the stairwell where B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) was located, I noticed blood droplets on the stairwell. As I entered the basement, I noticed a bed with a backpack on it in the south part of the basement. The open floorplan of the basement towards the north, there was a couch with a TV that was on. As I walked towards the north, I noticed the blood covered axe leaning up against a table. On that axe was a large amount of blood as well as hair(s). On that same table that the axe was leaning against, I noticed a wallet, passport, and a plastic container/box containing .22 caliber rounds. As I continued walking north, there was a large amount of blood on the floor near the couch. There was also a set of eye glasses on the floor near the bloody area. On the couch, there was a blood covered prescription bottle, as well as a blood covered liquid PM medicine bottle. The couch contained blood stains as well. Attached to the basement is a room to the east. That room was where the furnace and additional storage was. There was also a bathroom to the south part of the storage room.

As I completed an exterior walk around, the front entry door that faced Icarus Rd, was locked. As I continued around the residence, I did not locate any broken windows. I did notice an "L" shaped cut in a window screen that would have been the window in the far south bedroom of the residence. Besides the cut screen, it did not appear that the window had been damaged. It should be noted that I later observed the window in the far south bedroom and the window was locked from the inside.

On June 6, 2021, I interviewed M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) at the hospital. When I arrived at Gundersen, I informed M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) that Detective Bedenbaugh and I are working the case and we had just been at the incident location or the past few hours. I informed her that I would like her to explain what happened and if she could start from when she and her husband arrived in town. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) explained that she was told by B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) that he had purchased a bus ticket for Thomas departing on 06/03/21. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) didn't say where and what the bus ticket was for. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) went on explaining that her husband M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) had reached out to B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) and explained that he was going to Waukesha and wanted to stop by and see B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934). B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) had told M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) that he would like to go with him and M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) to Waukesha for the weekend. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said she and M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) picked B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) up on Friday (June 4th) around 11am to head to Waukesha. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) explained that B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) didn't talk about Thomas at all on the trip down besides that he bought him a bus ticket. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) explained that B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) talked about his excitement of heading to Waukesha to see family. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) explained that there was a family reunion Saturday where they all attended and had a good time. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said she M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) and B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) returned back to B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934)'s residence on Sunday morning (June 6th)

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around 11AM. When they arrived at B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934)'s home, B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) exited the vehicle and went around the house to the back door and opened up the garage door. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said she and M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) then entered the garage to where B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) was. When B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) began to open the house door from the garage, B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934)'s grandson Thomas Aspseter was standing in the doorway. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) told me B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) said to Thomas "what the fuck are doing here? I put you on the bus Thursday and all you did was turn around and come back here and hide. You're not supposed to be here, I want you out of here." M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) explained that Thomas didn't say anything and walked to left of the doorway and shut the door. It should be noted that M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) thought that was a bedroom, however it was the stairway/laundry room to the basement. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) went on explaining that she, M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945), and B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) went into the residence where B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) had shown and given them different American Indian items. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) explained that M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) had brought a few boxes from B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) to their vehicle. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) explained that B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) gave M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) a sword that was still in the box. B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) told M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) that when he doesn't want the sword anymore, it was supposed to go their son "Jeff." After B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) handed the items over and the items were placed into M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) and M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945)'s vehicle, M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) had told B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) "I don't feel safe leaving you here with him." M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) told them that he was going to go knock on the door and tell Thomas he had to leave. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) then did so as she and M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) stood in the garage. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) told Thomas "you need to get your stuff. You can't stay here. You need to get out of here." M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said at that time she and M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) heard "this big crash." M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) ran up the steps and inside the house. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) stated "Tommy (Thomas) came out with an axe and was hitting my husband with the axe. M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945), went down on the ground. And I'm screaming Tom knock it off. He swung the axe around and sliced me open (as she pointed to her bandaged right arm." M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) explained that she ran out of the house after being struck by the axe and ran to the neighbor's.

M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said when she got to the neighbors across the street, the woman called 911. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) explained that while she was there, the neighbor said she saw Tommy in the garage swinging the axe back and forth. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said the neighbor lady also noticed M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) exit the residence covered in blood. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said she didn't know where Tommy was at that time when M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) exited the residence.

M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) and I then went over again what happened when they arrived home. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) explained the same course of events that

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occurred. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) explained that after B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) told Thomas that he needed to get his stuff and leave, they heard this “big bang.” M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) again said that M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) ran inside the house and “Thomas came out swinging the axe and M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) said ‘no Tom stop’.” M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) went on stating “M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) went down and Tommy was hitting him with the axe. I hollered Tom knock it off. And he swung the axe around and got me. I ran off like a bat out of hell.” M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) explained that she was standing in the kitchen and M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) was shoved into the corner. It should be noted that when M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) explained the corner, it was the corner area of the island in the kitchen. I asked M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) if she knew how many times Thomas struck M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) with the axe. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said “probably twice.” I asked M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) how many times Thomas swung at her with the axe. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said “once because he only got one shot. If I would have stayed there, I would have been sliced up. I’m quite sure.”

M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) explained that when she ran to the neighbors, she had to hold her arm up as she was losing a lot of blood. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said she could see her wounded arm “flopping” as she was running to the neighbors. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said the neighbor asked her “oh my God what happened.” M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said she told the neighbor her grandson was there and had an axe.

I asked M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) if she saw Thomas hit B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934). M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said no. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) again said “we heard the crash and that was when M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) ran in and Tommy came out with the axe over the top of the head swinging it at her husband. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said that was when she saw Thomas strike M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) two times with the axe before striking her. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said evidently, she protected herself with her arm as she raised it to cover her face when Thomas swung the axe at her.

I asked M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) if there any issues with Thomas that she was aware of. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said “no.” I asked if there was any drug history with Thomas. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said “I don’t know.” I informed M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) that we did not have a lot of history with Thomas. I said I don’t know how he could do this by just being told he couldn’t stay there. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said “exactly. Because when he knocked on the door he said ‘Tom you can’t stay here. You can’t be here. You need to pack up your shit and you need to leave’.” M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said that was when they heard the big crash. When asked how long after it was that B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) told Thomas to the sound of the big crash, M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said “immediately.”

M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) estimated that she, M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) and B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) were at B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934)’s residence for approximately 30-45 minutes before the attack happened. When asked if Thomas had said anything

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before or during the attack, M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said “no.” M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said Thomas didn’t say anything to B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) either when B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) told him he couldn’t be there.

I asked M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) if she had seen a gun at all during the attack. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said “no. Somebody said he had shot himself. I don’t know. I don’t know if that is true or not. I said well he didn’t do a very good job.” M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) went on stating “I don’t feel anything for him (Thomas) right now. Any person that can do that to their grandfather. I know they have helped him. No rhyme or reason.”

I asked M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) why M.R.W. (DOB: 03/29/1945) felt like he needed to tell B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) that he didn’t feel safe leaving him there alone with Thomas. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said “I don’t know. He just said ‘I want to make sure you’re ok.’” I asked M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) if B.W.W. (DOB: 02/06/1934) mentioned that he wasn’t feeling safe. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) said “no.”

On June 8, I received a call from Darrel Urban. Darrell explained that the guy that killed his grandfather stopped by his house on Saturday evening (June 5th). Darrell explained that a man was riding a lawn mower and stopped by Darrell’s house and asked for gas as he was trying to drive the lawnmower to Rockland. Darrell said the man said he could offer \$1 dollar. Darrell said he helped the man out and began putting a gallon of gas in the lawnmower. Darrell said for the 2-3 minutes he was pouring gas into the man’s lawnmower, the man “bitched and complained about his grandfather.” Darrell went on claiming the man talked about how his grandfather wouldn’t let him use his vehicle or give him any money.”

Darrell said after the gallon of gas was poured into the lawn mower, the man left towards Rockland. Darrell said approximately 45 minutes later, the man drove past his residence and continued east on Iberia Ave. Darrell said he spoke with his friend Oley Mathison earlier today (June 8th). Darrell said Oley informed him that the guy he provide gas too, was the guy who killed his grandfather. Darrell said he felt he needed to call law enforcement as the guy (Thomas Aspseter) “complained and bitched” about his grandfather the entire time he was at Darrell’s house.

Thomas Aspseter’s 911 phone call recording

Thomas –(Inaudible) mumbling

Dispatch -911, What’s the address of your emergency?

Thomas-911. 16986 Icarus Rd. Please

Dispatch- You’re on Icarus Rd

Thomas- Yes. I went fucking crazy. I don’t know why. I don’t. I don’t know why. They...(inaudible) I killed him. I couldn’t fucking help it. He was screaming at me he’s been doing it forever

Dispatch- You killed someone?

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Thomas-Yes. I tried to fucking hold off for as long I could. But I couldn't fucking do it ok. I couldn't fucking do it.

Dispatch-Did you do this?

Thomas- What?

Dispatch – Are you the one that did this?

Thomas- Fuck yea. I hit him with an axe

Dispatch- Ok where are you at?

Thomas – I got my fucking uncle too. I'm fucking so (inaudible) family. Holy shit. I cant..oh my god it hurts so fucking bad. Oohhh, oohh please.

Dispatch – Ok what is your name.

Thomas – My name is Thomas

Dispatch- Thomas?

Thomas- Yes.

Dispatch- Ok

Thomas-I'm talking like this because I shot myself in the throat.

Dispatch- Do not shoot yourself in the throat Thomas

Thomas – I already did (inaudible) so much fucking blood its everywhere

Dispatch – You just shot yourself in the throat

Thomas- Yes. With a .22. that's why I'm still alive. Oh my god it was the worst fucking feeling ever. Please (heavy breathing)

Dispatch –Ok Thomas where are you located?

Thomas- 16986 Icarus Rd

Dispatch – I know what part of the house are you in Thomas

Thomas- I'm in the kitchen. The front. Oh my god. Please (inaudible).

Dispatch- ok. Ok stay on the phone with me Thomas

Thomas - I will (inaudible). I remembered him I...

Dispatch: Can you...

Thomas: And I don't know why the fuck I was still here. Ok. But I don't know what's going on. I don't know what's going on. My grandmother just disappeared off the face of the earth. Oh my god. Oh my god. Why? Why did I have to go through this. Why?

Dispatch-Thomas

Thomas-I know. I cant fucking handle (inaudible). Oh god. Are you coming? Hello? Hello? Inaudible

Dispatch –Thomas

Dispatch –Thomas(dial tone).

On June 8, 2021 I faxed the Release of medical Records form to Gundersen Health System for a certified copy of M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948)'s medical records for June 6, 2021. I was faxed the certified medical records of M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) within a few hours from Gundersen Health System. M.A.W. (DOB: 05/07/1948) received 21 sutures.

On information and belief the above incident occurred in Monroe County, Wisconsin.

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

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on 06/21/21

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