

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2020ML020367

Court Case No.:

vs.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

BELL, RONALD DEMETRIAN JR
1207 SOUTH 9TH STREET, #104
MILWAUKEE, WI 53218
DOB: 03/04/1992

LOFTON, WILLIAM DEVAL
2140 NORTH 16TH STREET
MILWAUKEE, WI 53205
DOB: 08/06/1997

Defendant(s).

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

Count 1: SECOND DEGREE RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING SAFETY, USE OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON (As to defendant Ronald Demetrian Bell Jr)

The above-named defendant on or about Saturday, August 08, 2020, at 3775 N. 100th St. WI, in the City of Wauwatosa, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did recklessly endanger the safety of others, contrary to sec. 941.30(2), 939.50(3)(g), 939.63(1)(b) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class G Felony, the defendants may be fined not more than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or imprisoned not more than ten (10) 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 2: BATTERY TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER - PTAC, AS A PARTY TO A CRIME (As to defendant Ronald Demetrian Bell Jr)

The above-named defendant on or about Saturday, August 08, 2020, at 3775 N. 100th St. WI, in the City of Wauwatosa, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, as a party to a crime, did intentionally cause bodily harm to JAM, a law enforcement officer, without their consent, and at the time of the act, the defendant knew or should have known that JAM was a law enforcement officer and the act was in a response to any action taken by a law enforcement officer in an official capacity, contrary to sec. 940.203(2), 939.50(3)(h), 939.05 Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class H Felony, the defendants may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than six (6) years, or both.

Count 3: SECOND DEGREE RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING SAFETY (As to defendant William Deval Lofton)

The above-named defendant on or about Saturday, August 08, 2020, at 10100 block of West Vienna Avenue, in the City of Wauwatosa, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did recklessly endanger the safety of another, contrary to sec. 941.30(2), 939.50(3)(g) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class G Felony, the defendants 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 law enforcement officer employed by the Wauwatosa Police Department, and bases this complaint on official reports prepared by several Wauwatosa and Milwaukee Police Officers/Detectives, which are of the kind that complainant has used in the past and found to be accurate and reliable and which complainant knows are prepared in the regular course of that department's business.

Those reports reveal that on August 8, 2020, at approximately 8:17pm, Wauwatosa Officers were alerted to a caravan of citizens and vehicles that were at Mayfair Mall a few hours earlier, arriving at the residence of PLS, 3775 N. 100th St., in the City of Wauwatosa, County of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin. Also present at that location was off duty law enforcement officer JAM. Officers were aware that the caravan was at that address as a result of previous actions taken by JAM when he was acting in an official capacity as a police officer. Investigation revealed that once the caravan arrived at the residence, numerous individuals engaged in a confrontation with PLS and JAM outside of the residence. During the confrontation, both PLS and JAM were assaulted by numerous individuals and sustained bodily harm. Neither PLS nor JAM consented to being harmed.

Detectives spoke with both PLS and JAM, who provided statements regarding the confrontation. In addition, Wauwatosa Detectives reviewed surveillance videos and cell phone videos of the confrontation. Based on witness statements and the review of the videos, an individual carrying a shotgun, who was later identified as defendant Bell, joined the assault on JAM and PLS. During the assault, Bell was holding a shotgun and it discharged striking the doorframe to the residence with several people, including PLS and JAM, nearby. The crowd eventually dispersed and the scene was secured by officers.

As the crowd dispersed, surveillance video showed a black Yukon GMC driving by with a subject on the roof in the 10100 block of West Vienna Avenue, in the City of Wauwatosa, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. This SUV stops to pick up another passenger, who was later confirmed to be Bell. In the process of stopping, the subject on the roof of the SUV falls forward and nearly strikes their face on the top of the roof. The video then shows Bell enter the SUV. The SUV then accelerates quickly from a complete stop with the individual unrestrained on the top of the vehicle creating a high level of danger for the individual on top of the SUV. The video showed that the SUV had a missing driver's side rear taillight.

Members of the State of Wisconsin Crime Lab responded and processed the scene. A hole consistent with a shotgun slug was located and photographed on the door frame of the back door to PLS' residence. On 08/10/20, officers recovered a copper jacket from what was believed to be a shotgun slug from the door frame of the rear door to the residence.

On 08/09/20 at approximately 12:40pm, detectives located the SUV with noticeable damage on the driver's side rear traveling northbound on N. Mayfair Rd. from W. North Ave. The SUV was missing the driver's side rear taillight. The vehicle entered the Mayfair Mall parking lot and parked in a parking stall. The detectives observed the driver of the Yukon was a black male with shoulder length dreads. The

passenger in the Yukon was a black male, wearing a white t-shirt, black shorts that went below his knees and white high top shoes with a dark pattern on the bottom. The passenger had his left arm in a sling. The two occupants stayed at the mall for a period of time before leaving. The Yukon had the same damage as the SUV depicted in the surveillance video from the August 8, 2020, incident. A short time later, a traffic stop was conducted on the Yukon for an equipment violation and the driver was identified as defendant Lofton while the passenger was identified as defendant Bell. Both subjects were released from the scene as the investigation was still ongoing.

On 08/11/20 Wauwatosa and Milwaukee Police located the same GMC Yukon and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver of the Yukon was identified as defendant Lofton, while the passenger was identified as defendant Bell. Both individuals were taken into custody.

On August 11, 2020 and August 12, 2020, Wauwatosa detectives conducted Mirandized interviews with defendant Bell. Bell admitted that he was the individual with the shotgun during the August 8 incident at PLS's residence. Bell also stated that the gun discharged while he was holding it, striking the residence, while he was confronting JAM and PLS. Bell agreed that his behavior was reckless and dangerous when he physically confronted JAM while holding a loaded shotgun and that he put several people in danger when the shotgun discharged. Bell also acknowledged that he was striking JAM and that he knew JAM was a police officer. Bell was aware that the group was at the location due to actions JAM had previously taken while performing duties as a police officer and Bell stated that he has been at several other events regarding JAM's actions with the same group of people. Bell apologized for his actions.

Bell also identified himself in the various videos and identified the Yukon captured in various videos as the same vehicle he was arrested in. Bell stated that defendant Lofton drove the vehicle to the residence where the confrontation occurred. Bell stated that after the shotgun discharged, he went back to the Yukon. Bell stated that the driver of the Yukon was once again defendant Lofton and that an individual was on top of the Yukon. Bell stated that he got into the Yukon and they then accelerated away from the scene.

The State will be seeking a no firearms order and no contact order with witnesses/victims and co actors for both defendants.

****End of Complaint****

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Criminal Complaint prepared by Francesco G. Mineo.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 08/16/20

Electronically Signed By:

Francesco G. Mineo

Assistant District Attorney

State Bar #: 1038329

Electronically Signed By:

Detective Martin Keck

Complainant