### STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

#### STATE OF WISCONSIN Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2020ML031746 Court Case No.:

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT** 

vs.

WARD, ROBIN ROCHELLE 3954 NORTH 24TH STREET MILWAUKEE, WI 53206 DOB: 09/30/1986

Defendant(s).

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

# Count 1: INTENTIONALLY POINT FIREARM-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, ETC.

The above-named defendant on or about Saturday, December 12, 2020, at 2355 North 35th Street, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did intentionally point a firearm at or towards a law enforcement officer who was acting in an official capacity and who the defendant knew or had reason to believe was a law enforcement officer, contrary to sec. 941.20(1m)(b), 939.50(3)(h) Wis. Stats.

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

# **Count 2: CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON**

The above-named defendant on or about Saturday, December 12, 2020, at 2355 North 35th Street, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, not being a peace officer or other person defined in s. 941.23(2), did go armed with a concealed and dangerous weapon, a pistol, contrary to sec. 941.23(2), 939.51(3)(a) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class A Misdemeanor, the defendant may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than nine (9) months, or both.

# PROBABLE CAUSE

Complainant is a law enforcement officer employed by the Milwaukee Police, and bases this complaint on official reports prepared by Det. Martez Ball, 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 December 12, 2020, at approximately 8:30 p.m., Officer Jacob Baczek, who was in his department uniform, was working a detail patrol at Pick n' Save, 2355 North 35th Street, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Officer Baczek's duties consisted of being a visual deterrent for any criminal activities at the location and further taking official police actions if any violations were observed at the location.

Officer Baczek was standing near the self-checkout lanes at the entrance doors of the store when he heard a loud boisterous voice of a male he observed entering the store. Officer Baczek stated that he observed a black male and two female subjects, including the defendant, being loud and boisterous while using profanities. Officer Baczek stated that the defendant appeared to be attempting to quiet the other two as she acknowledged that a police officer was in the store. Officer Baczek stated that he was walking towards the three, when he was notified by an employee of a fight outside. Officer Baczek went outside but the subjects involved in the fight had already left. Officer Baczek then went back inside the store and once again observed the same male subject being loud and boisterous.

Officer Baczek approached the male subject and asked him to leave. The subject then walked up to Officer Baczek within arm's length. Officer Baczek stated that due to the subject getting so close to him, he drew his taser. The subject then looked at the officer's duty belt and stated "oh fuck you have a gun, a taser, you really the police?" At this point, the defendant tried to escort the male subject out of the store. Officer Bacsek followed the subjects to insure that they left the store and then came back in when he heard a commotion. Officer Baczek stated that he then observed a second male wearing a blue jacket pushing another male subject. Officer Baczek stated that as he got back into the store, the blue jacketed male was now wrestling with a plain clothes security guard. Officer Baczek attempted to separate the two when he observed the defendant, who at some point reentered the store, pull out a silver handgun which had been concealed in the front pocket of her jacket. The defendant then stated "I'm going to take care of this shit myself." Officer Baczek stated that he looked towards her and observed that she had the gun pointed directly at him. The defendant then started waving the gun back and forth. Officer Baczek stated that he then holstered his taser and talked with the defendant trying to convince her to not shoot and put the gun down. The defendant eventually put the gun back in her pocket allowing Officer Baczek to pull his gun and order the defendant to the ground.

After additional officers arrived on scene, Office Baczek was able to handcuff the defendant and remove the firearm. a .380 loaded with 5 rounds. Det. Rutherford also viewed video surveillance from the store which showed the defendant reentering the store and approaching Officer Baczek and the subjects wrestling on the ground. The video shows that Officer Baczek has his taser out and the defendant then removes a handgun, which she is pointing at Officer Baczek.

Det. Ball spoke with a security guard, TLM. TLM stated that he observed Officer Baczek tell a male subject that he needed to leave the store and stop his behavior. TLM stated that the subject appeared to try to intimidate the officer. TLM stated that the subject left and then another fight broke out in the store. TLM stated that Officer Baczek tried to break that fight up when he observed the defendant standing a few feet away from the officer. TLM stated that the defendant then pulled out a silver handgun and began waving it around yelling "fuck this shit I'm the police in here!" TLM stated that Officer Baczek tried to not see the gun right away but eventually the defendant put the gun away and was taken into custody.

During a Mirandized interview of the defendant by Det. Ball, the defendant stated that she had been drinking and did not remember everything that happened. When told the video showed her pull the gun out and point it towards the officer, the defendant stated that she did not mean to.

The defendant does not have a CCW permit. The State will be seeking a no firearms order and no contact order with the victim/witnesses and store.

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

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Criminal Complaint prepared by Francesco G. Mineo. Subscribed and sworn to before me on 12/17/20

Electronically Signed By: Francesco G. Mineo Assistant District Attorney

State Bar #: 1038329

Electronically Signed By: Lt. Gena A. MALANCHE Complainant