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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT DANE COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
 Plaintiff,

Ref. Agency: Madison (City) Police
 Department

vs.

DA Case No.: 2023DA011516

Assigned DA/ADA:

Agency Case No.: 2023-00495769

ALEJANDRO J CORONEL ZARATE

Court Case No.: **23CF**____

UNK

ATN:

UNK, WI UNK

DOB: 06/15/1998

Sex/Race: M/U

Eye Color: Brown

Hair Color: Black

Height: 5 ft 6 in

Weight: 135 lbs

Alias:

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

For Official Use

Defendant,

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

Count 1: STRANGULATION AND SUFFOCATION

The above-named defendant on or about Thursday, November 16, 2023, in the City of Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, did intentionally impede the normal breathing by applying pressure on the throat or neck of another person, contrary to sec. 940.235(1), 939.50(3)(h) Wis. Stats., a Class H Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than six (6) years, or both.

Count 2: FALSE IMPRISONMENT

The above-named defendant on or about Thursday, November 16, 2023, in the City of Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, did intentionally restrain RAG, without that person's consent, and with the knowledge that he had no lawful authority to do so, contrary to sec. 940.30, 939.50(3)(h) Wis. Stats., a Class H Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than six (6) years, or both.

Count 3: MISDEMEANOR BATTERY

The above-named defendant on or about Thursday, November 16, 2023, in the City of Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, did cause bodily harm to RAG, by an act done with intent to cause bodily harm to that person, without that person's consent, contrary to sec. 940.19(1), 939.51(3)(a) Wis. Stats., a Class A Misdemeanor, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than nine (9) months, or both.

Count 4: DISORDERLY CONDUCT

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The above-named defendant on or about Thursday, November 16, 2023, in the City of Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin, while in a public place, did engage in violent conduct, under circumstances in which such conduct tended to cause a disturbance, contrary to sec. 947.01(1), 939.51(3)(b) Wis. Stats., a Class B Misdemeanor, and upon conviction may be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both.

FACTS:

Your complainant is a Court Officer with the City of Madison Police Department and for this complaint is relying on the written police report(s) submitted by City of Madison Police Officer(s) Joseph Petryniec.

Officer Petryniec reports on November 16, 2023, at approximately 10:52 PM, they were dispatched to an apartment in the 5900 block of Schroeder Road, City of Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin for a possible disturbance.

Due to the victim being Spanish speaking, Officer Morales came to the scene to assist with translating for Officer Petryniec during the interview. Officer Petryniec began his contact with the victim, whose name forms the initials RAG, at her apartment located in the 5900 block of Schroeder Road. Officer Petryniec asked RAG to step outside and speak with him about what happened today.

RAG followed Officer Petryniec and Officer Morales out into the hallway where Officer Petryniec began his interview of RAG. Officer Petryniec noted that RAG was in obvious distress as she was crying and appeared to be terrified. Officer Petryniec also noted that every time police personnel arrived on scene, RAG would become terrified believing the suspect had returned, as she would then try to leave the interview and run back into her apartment. This happened on multiple occasions during Officer Petryniec's interview with RAG.

Officer Petryniec asked RAG if she could identify the possible suspect in this case. RAG verbally identified the suspect as **ALEJANDRO J. CORONEL ZARATE** (date of birth 6/15/1998, the defendant hereinafter). The defendant could only be described as a Hispanic male, approximately 26 years of age, wearing a black jacket, black pants, and a black baseball hat. No physical descriptors were given at this time. However, Officer Petryniec reports Officer Bruess was able to obtain a Facebook photo of the defendant from an individual who was on scene. Officer Petryniec noted it appears the defendant has tattoos along each arm, as well as on his neck.

Officer Petryniec asked RAG what relationship she and the defendant share together. RAG informed Officer Petryniec that she and the defendant are only acquaintances who have never lived together nor do they share any children with each other. RAG reported the defendant does not currently live with her as he is homeless and oftentimes will sleep in her vehicle.

Officer Petryniec then began asking RAG if she could explain what happened on this date. RAG reported the following: Around 10 am on November 16, 2023, she and the defendant went to a DMV somewhere on the west side of Madison in RAG's vehicle. RAG's vehicle is a black Jeep Patriot bearing Wisconsin license plate ATB-1151. The defendant was driving her

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vehicle home from the DMV with RAG in the passenger seat, as well as her baby child in the back seat. The defendant and her got into a verbal disagreement on their way home from the DMV where he told her to shut up and be quiet. Once they arrived back to the parking lot in the 5900 block of Schroeder Road, she began to get out of the vehicle when the defendant began making threats to her, stating he would kill her baby if she got out of the car. He also made threats of killing her and stating something to the effect of bringing her and her child back to Chicago to kill them.

These threats made by the defendant made RAG feel fearful for her and her child's life, and also made RAG feel inclined to having to get back into the car with the defendant.

Due to the threats made by the defendant to RAG, RAG got back into the passenger seat with the defendant driving the vehicle. He then began driving away from the address to an unknown location to RAG. RAG believed at some point the defendant drove them into Fitchburg and parked the car somewhere at an unknown location in Fitchburg. RAG believed they may have been in Fitchburg due to her seeing a sign while they were driving that said Welcome to Fitchburg. RAG, however, did believe they had not driven too far away from her address on Schroeder Road.

Once the defendant parked the car at this unknown location, RAG stated she attempted to get out of the vehicle. While attempting to get out of the vehicle, the defendant then grabbed RAG by the back of her neck and shoulder area, pulling her back into the vehicle and preventing her from leaving. RAG did not give the defendant consent to pull her back into the vehicle, keeping her there.

RAG then reported that, after the defendant pulled her back into the vehicle, he began punching RAG "many times" with a closed, left fist. RAG stated the defendant had punched her multiple times in the left eye area, but could not state exactly how many times she had been punched. RAG did not give the defendant consent to punch her, and she also reported the punches she received from the defendant caused her pain. No injury was seen or observed on RAG's face from this incident.

Officer Petryniec then asked RAG what happened next. RAG informed Officer Petryniec she began screaming and telling the defendant once again that she was going to leave the car due to the defendant's actions. At this time, RAG reported the defendant grabbed her from her back and pulled her towards her with his left hand, and then grabbed RAG's throat with his right hand. The defendant began squeezing his right hand around RAG's neck in an attempt to choke RAG. However, the defendant was only able to squeeze and pinch the neck area of RAG in an attempt to choke her for approximately 30 seconds. RAG initially reported having trouble breathing while the defendant was doing this and stated she felt pain around her neck from these actions. RAG, however, never lost consciousness and was able to scream and yell at the defendant while he was attempting to choke her. RAG did not give the defendant consent to attempt to choke her. No other visible injuries were observed on RAG's person from the defendant's actions besides a small bruise that was appearing to form on RAG's left forearm. RAG indicated this bruise was from a result of the defendant's actions today. RAG was able to grab the defendant's hand that he was using to try to choke her and throw his hand off of his neck. RAG reported the defendant then took his hands off of RAG and began to start calming down. After RAG indicated the defendant calmed down, the defendant drove RAG back to her address on Schroeder Road where she got ready to work. RAG reported the

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defendant drove her to workplace and dropped her off for her shift, and returned back to pick her up at the end of her shift at 9:30 pm.

The defendant then picked her up and drove her back to her apartment on Schroeder Road. At approximately 10:20 pm after arriving at the parking lot in the 5900 block of Schroeder Road, RAG began to get out of the car to go to her apartment. When this happened, the defendant became upset because he did not want RAG to leave the vehicle. The defendant then once again began making threats towards RAG as she was leaving the car. The defendant stated, if she left, he was going to light the car on fire with her still in the car and was also threatening to burn her kids.

The defendant then continued making threats of burning and lighting things on fire when RAG eventually just left the car and began heading back to her apartment. RAG reported these additional threats the defendant was making towards her made her feel fearful. RAG also stated she was fearful because she believed the defendant is capable of carrying out these threats. As RAG was walking to the apartment building, she reported the defendant had followed her up to the building, but then left the scene once RAG went inside the apartment.

RAG then ran up to her apartment and was crying and visibly distraught. RAG's niece noticed how distraught and upset she appeared and asked her what happened. After learning what happened, RAG's niece then called the police. There were no witnesses to any of the incidents, and the defendant was not seen after RAG got into her apartment.

****THIS COMPLAINT IS BASED ON** the information and belief of your complainant, who is a Court Officer for the City of Madison Police Department, and who learned of the above offense from the reports of City of Madison Police Officer(s) Joseph Petryniec, which report 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 witness(es) to be truthful and reliable inasmuch as they are citizen informant(s) and witnessed the events described.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me on
12/01/23

Electronically Signed By:

Frank J. Remington

Assistant District Attorney

State Bar #: 1101919

Electronically Signed By:

DET LINDA TREVARTHEN

Complainant