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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2019ML020213

Court Case No.:

vs.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

LANG, AMANDO ELIJAH
4236 SOUTH 61ST STREET
GREENFIELD, WI 53220
DOB: 07/27/2000

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

The above-named defendant on or about Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at South 60th St and West Armour Avenue, in the City of Greenfield, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of Ben Christianson, another human being, with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a), 939.50(3)(a) Wis. Stats.

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

Probable Cause:

On August 27, 2019, at about noon, Greenfield Police Officers responded to the area of S. 60th Street and W. Armour Ave., City of Greenfield, in response to a call that a man had been stabbed in the neck. The first officer to arrive at that location was Officer James Gasiorowski. Upon his arrival, he saw that the male victim, subsequently identified as Ben Christianson, was lying on his back in the grassy area between the sidewalk and the street, several feet south of West Armour Ave, on the west side of S. 60th Street. Officer Gasiorowski saw that a female, subsequently identified as A.B., was kneeling by the Christianson and was holding and was holding some type of cloth over the left side of the Christianson's neck. Officer Gasiorowski then checked under the cloth and saw that Christianson had a large cut to the left side of his neck.

Members of the Greenfield Fire Department subsequently arrived at that location and Christianson was then transported to Froedtert Hospital. Upon arrival at Froedtert Hospital, Christianson was taken to the ER and was pronounced deceased. Christianson's body was subsequently conveyed to the office of the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Officer for an autopsy.

On August 28, 2019, an autopsy was performed on the body of Ben Christianson by Dr. Dylan Coss, under the supervision of Deputy Medical Examiner Dr. Doug Kelley. During that autopsy, Dr. Coss observed that Christianson had sustained a wound to the left side of his neck. Dr. Coss observed that Christianson's jugular vein and carotid artery had been cut. Dr. Coss determined that that weapon had gone about 2 & ½ inches into Christianson's neck. Dr. Coss did not observe any defensive wound on the body of Christianson. Dr. Coss ruled the death to be a homicide by sharp force injury of the neck.

During the investigation of this homicide, it was determined that Ben Christianson was an employee of Ramaker Associates, Sauk City, Wisconsin, and that as part of his job, he was working in the area of S. 60th & W Armour Ave., taking soil samples.

During the investigation of this homicide, Greenfield Police Det. Gregory Hoppe interviewed A.B., the person who was kneeling next to Christianson at the time Officer Gasiorowski arrived. During the interview of A.B., she provided the following information:

1. She was a passenger in her brother's car, and her brother had just gotten off the expressway and they were driving southbound on S. 60th Street.
2. As they neared the intersection of S. 60th Street and W. Armour, she saw the victim standing in the grassy area.
3. She also saw another person, who was dressed in all black, standing in front of the victim.
4. As her brother drove past these two, she looked to her right and saw the person in all black direct a hitting motion at the victim. She further described it as an overhand punching motion.
5. She did not see a knife, and she thought it was a fight.
6. After the hitting motion, the victim immediately collapsed.
7. She then saw the person in all black run northbound over the expressway overpass.
8. Her brother then pulled into a driveway and she got out and was walking back toward the victim, who was lying on the ground. She then saw that the victim was bleeding so she ran to up to him and saw that he was bleeding from the neck.
9. She then took off her shirt and put it on the victim's neck and applied pressure. The police then arrived.
10. The man who she saw punch the victim was wearing a black long sleeve shirt, black pants, and had a bandana over his face that covered his face up to his eyes.

Based upon the description provided by A.B., upon descriptions provided by other citizens that had observed a male, dressed entirely in black, wearing a bandana over his face, upon recent contacts with defendant Amando Lang by Greenfield Police Officer, and upon the location of Lang's residence, Amando Lang was identified as a person on interest, and on August 27, 2019, shortly after the above-described incident, Lang was taken into custody at his residence.

On August 29, 2019, Amando Lang was interviewed by Greenfield Police Detectives Bret Lepper and Brian Wallander. During that interview, the following questions and answers occurred:

Amando Lang: "Yeah, I'm gonna tell you what went down. Uh, before I won myself."

Det. Lepper: "Okay."

Amando Lang: "So basically, the man at Speedway on – on the curb side, the sidewalk, with the house on everything. Speedway cameras and everything. Basically what happened is that man was a criminal. And I understood that every single day that this man was going to try to murder, you know, my family and shit, you know. So, I'm going to understand that I'm gonna start (unintelligible) the story – meaning I'm going to sit here and say it's short. I'm going to (unintelligible). I went and I told him in the call, you sat there and tried breaking into my door again. I'm going to meet you at Speedway where you work and do your dirty shit, fuck – to the fucking government. Meaning, you are a criminal. And I'm going to sit there and I'm going to shank you in your neck with my fucking innuendo. Okay. So this man was thinking, oh, I have a 99% chance of killing him, right? Which is me, which is me. Which I'm not up there. I'm here now. I'm living. I killed him. Right? So basically, I went and I went to the sidewalk. I sat there and walked all the way down there. I slipped my innuendo – I took my innuendo, put it through his fucking neck, watched his fucking neck bleed out putrid ass fucking blood, knowing I had a

99% chance of dying. Okay? Which I am officially known as FBI cop, officially known as a (unintelligible) in street name language to sit there and tell people that I'm FBI. Nah, understandably I'm getting so sick and tired of this shit. And I know that you have the trail cam for this (unintelligible) right? Okay? So basically, when- when I killed him, I ran all the way home. I got arrested. Which I'm here right now. And you know, I'll beat my case."

Det. Wallander: "What do you –"

Amando Lang: "I'm FBI. I'm done."

Det. Wallander: "What do you – what do you describe your innuendo as? What does it look like? Is it a –"

Amando Lang: "It's a – it's a"

Det. Wallander: "Is it a folding one, or –"

Amando Lang: "No, you – it's a golden. It's just- flip – yeah, gold. So basically you have it and you flip it like this and opens."

Det. Wallander: "Like automatically."

Amando Lang: "Yes. Yes. It's an automatic knife, yes."

Det. Lepper: "What – what color is it?"

Amando Lang: "It's golden. It's golden blade and uh –"

Det. Wallander: "Yeah, it's got like –"

Amando Lang: "Bloody wooden handle."

Det. Lepper: "Okay."

On August 29, Amando Lang's mother was allowed to speak with him in an interview room of the Greenfield Municipal Jail. As Lang's mother was escorted into the interview room, Amando said to her "I had to kill that man, mom." In response, his mother said something and he, Amando Lang, said "I had to kill that fucking man."

****End of Complaint****

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