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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2024ML027403
Court Case No.:

vs.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

MARTIN, CHRISTIAN B
1530 SOUTH UNION STREET
MILWAUKEE, WI 53204
DOB: 07/23/2006

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, USE OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, October 28, 2024, at 1600 West Forest Home Avenue, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of Nelson Lopez-Correa, another human being, with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a), 939.50(3)(a), 939.63(1)(b) Wis. Stats.

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

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 is a detective with the Milwaukee Police Department, assigned to the Homicide Division of the Criminal Investigation Bureau. Complainant bases this complaint on the statements and reports of fellow members of that department, and on Complainant’s own investigation. Based on that information, Complainant states as follows:

At approximately 11:02am on October 28, 2024, Sgt. James Klusmann was in the area of S. Caesar Chavez Drive and W. Greenfield Avenue on routine patrol. Sgt. Klusmann observed a large crowd gathered in the northwest corner of S. Caesar Chavez Drive and W. Forest Home Avenue (approximately 1600 W. Forest Home Avenue in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin). Sgt. Klusmann also heard a call over his police radio for a shooting in that same area. Sgt. Klusmann approached that corner and observed a male subject on the ground who had been shot in the head. Sgt. Klusmann observed the victim had a through-and-through gunshot wound. The victim had a pulse but was non-responsive. A person on scene informed Sgt. Klusmann that the shooter had fled northbound. Shortly after Sgt. Klusmann arrived, the Milwaukee Fire Department arrived on scene and engaged in life-saving efforts. Sgt. Klusmann located the victim’s school ID card and identified the victim as Nelson Lopez-Correa (DOB 1/14/2009). Sgt. Klusmann also located a brass 9mm casing a couple feet to the west of where Lopez-Correa was laying.

Lopez-Correa was transported to Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin in Wauwatosa. Lopez-Correa remained hospitalized there until ultimately passing away on October 31, 2024. Lopez-Correa never regained consciousness.

Complainant knows that while on scene, a male subject identified as LAM approached police to indicate that he was with Lopez-Correa prior to the shooting. Det. Scott Schmitz interviewed LAM who provided the following information: he is good friends with Lopez-Correa and earlier that day, LAM woke up late for school and called Lopez-Correa. LAM then went over to Lopez-Correa’s house before he was going to go to school. When he got to Lopez-Correa’s house, Lopez-Correa was with a female he knew as “Sasa.” Eventually, the three of them (LAM, Lopez-Correa, and “Sasa”) left Lopez-Correa’s house

to walk to the bus stop. Upon leaving Lopez-Correa's house, they observed a male subject standing on the corner and "Sasa" stated words to the effect of, "what is he doing here?" The three of them continued to walk, and while doing so, the male subject approached their group and walked behind them. "Sasa" began arguing with the male while LAM and Lopez-Correa walked ahead. LAM continued to speak with Lopez-Correa and they discussed possibly fighting the unknown male if they had to. Once they got to the bus stop, LAM walked to his aunt's house a block away to check the bus schedule, then returned to the bus stop. While re-approaching the bus stop, LAM heard a gunshot and saw Lopez-Correa fall to the ground. LAM did not see where the unknown male or "Sasa" went, he just ran up to Lopez-Correa to check on him and saw him bleeding from the head. LAM then ran back to his aunt's house to tell her what happened, and then returned to the scene until police arrived. LAM described the unknown male as wearing dark pants and a dark top with a ski mask.

As the scene investigation progressed, a female subject identified as ACC ("Sasa") walked into Milwaukee Police Department District #2 to report that she was a witness to the shooting of Lopez-Correa. Det. Scott Schmitz conducted an interview of ACC who provided the following information: that morning, she went to Lopez-Correa's residence to get a ride to school from Lopez-Correa's friend, who ultimately could not give them a ride. While waiting, LAM showed up. The three of them (ACC, LAM, and Lopez-Correa) then decided to catch the bus to school. They left Lopez-Correa's house and when they left, ACC observed a subject she knows as "Chris" standing on the corner. ACC identified a photograph of the above-named Defendant as "Chris."

ACC indicated she has known the Defendant since July, and they briefly dated, but broke up because of their age difference. Despite breaking up, they have maintained contact with one another. ACC stated the Defendant texted her as recently as October 27, 2024.

ACC further explained that after seeing the Defendant, her group continued to walk and the Defendant joined their group walking behind and was continuously mumbling under his breath. She heard the Defendant mumble the name "Nelson" (the victim's first name). While they walked, ACC began talking to the Defendant about how they cannot be together. ACC indicated that at one point the Defendant grabbed her and punched her in the side, then continued walking with the group. Upon arriving at the bus stop, LAM walked to his aunt's house nearby, while Lopez-Correa and ACC remained at the bus stop. The Defendant stood there a few feet away. ACC indicated that suddenly, while she and Lopez-Correa were looking up the street, she heard the gunshot. ACC did not know what to do so she went west towards the gas station and eventually to a friend's house to contact her mother. ACC indicated the Defendant was wearing a ski mask, a black hooded sweatshirt and dark pants (consistent with the description provided by LAM).

Det. Rachel Smith reports that video was recovered from a residence on S. Amy Place, which depicts the shooting from a distance. It should be noted that faces are not visible on the video, and regarding the summary below, the identities of the subjects in the video are based on witness statements of LAM and ACC. The video shows, in sum, the following: at approximately 10:57am (real time), the victim (Lopez-Correa), shooter/Defendant, LAM and ACC appear crossing the street and they stop on the northwest corner of S. 16th St. and W. Forest Home Avenue, where the shooting would occur. LAM can be seen continuing to walk northbound, out of view, consistent with his statement that he left to go to his aunt's house. At 11:00:33am, Lopez-Correa and ACC can be seen standing together, and the shooter/Defendant comes closer. The video captures unintelligible words, then the Defendant points a firearm at Lopez-Correa and fires one shot. Lopez-Correa can be seen dropping to the ground, while ACC can be heard saying, "oh my god!" as she runs away into the adjacent field. The Defendant runs north on S. Amy Place away from the scene. At 11:01:25am, LAM can be seen returning from the north after the shooting and checking on Lopez-Correa. By 11:06am, sirens can be heard and squads begin to arrive. It should be noted the video depicts events that are consistent with what both LAM and ACC separately described to police, including the Defendant wearing a dark/black top, black pants, and a ski mask.

Complainant knows that an autopsy of Lopez-Correa was conducted on November 1, 2024, by Dr. Haaris Iqbal from the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office. Dr. Haaris Iqbal's preliminary conclusion as to that cause of Lopez-Correa's death is a perforating gunshot wound of the head. The gunshot wound entered the left temporal scalp and exited the right temporoparietal scalp.

End of Complaint

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on 11/08/24

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Complainant