

Upon arrival, officers located the victim, JW, on the ground outside of the residence bleeding with an apparent stab wound to his neck. Life saving efforts were attempted, but he succumbed from his injuries on the scene

911 Call

Detective Brian Maciejewski reports that he obtained 911 calls regarding this incident. A call occurring at 235 PM from 414-xxx-3308, a number associated with the defendant Hall was made and lasted 8 minutes and 28 seconds. The defendant identified herself as Rai-Jianna Hall in the 911 call. She also identified the person stabbed by name as JW. During the call the defendant said that the victim/JW was mad because she spit on him and says that he/JW ran up and hit her. She admitted stabbing the victim and later asserts that she did not mean to do it and that it was also self defense.

2nd Statement of Rai'Jianna Hall

A Mirandized interview of Hall was conducted by Detectives Jose Flores and Daniel O'Connell on September 30, 2025. Hall described a situation where earlier that day everyone present in the unit (JW, Hall and ZB). Among the arguments that were occurring was that Hall was mad that the victim was not assisting her in obtaining employment at a Taco Bell.

Hall said that the victim had "gotten up" in her face so she grabbed some "mace" and a knife. She said she did not leave because she is not from around here and has no place to go.

As the argument continued Hall "pepper sprayed" the victim in his bedroom. According to another witness, ZB, the victim then went to the bathroom and washed his face. This upset the victim, however they all "went their separate ways" for the moment. After this they both (victim and Hall) called family members. The entire incident lasted about an hour.

Later the victim came to her room and tried to enter so she swung the knife at him putting a hole in his sweater. This further upset the victim.

The victim's mom and step dad arrived on scene.

At some point after the arrival of the victim's mom and step dad Hall asserts the victim came into her room and punched her causing her to fall back on her bed. She stated that the victim punched her as she was on the bed. At this point she raised her hand with the knife in it which had been situated by her leg on the outside of her body. As she did this she cut her own leg. She raised the knife over her head with the handle in her hand and the knife pointing down and stabbed the victim. The victim realizing he had been stabbed got up and ran out of the room.

Not in this statement, but video shows the victim running outside with blood gushing from his neck where he collapses on the ground from apparent blood loss.

Hall was asked what she thought could happen when she swung the knife and said "somebody could get hurt or killed." She stated that was not her intention. She went on to say she was aware the knife could kill him.

Hall said that if she had a gun she would not have shot him.

The questioning detectives said when they tried to determine from her if the stabbing was accidental or intentional Hall would not commit to either. She admitted the stabbing, said she was scared, but also thought it was an accident.

Statement of JJW

Detective Zachary Cvetan reports that he spoke to JJW. JJW is the mother of the victim JW. JJW was cooperative and said that JW is her son. She identified Hall as the person she saw stab and kill her son.

JJW said her son had been working at a Taco Bell and that Hall had recently moved up to Wisconsin from Mississippi. Hall had been living with her son/victim for a few months. JJW had gotten Hall a job at a Taco Bell but she had been fired from it.

At about 1:00 PM she received a call from her son who asked her to come help him and told her that Hall had "pepper sprayed" him and spit on him. The victim said they were arguing with Hall over money and how they would not give her any more money. JJW and her husband, AH, then went to JW's residence and saw her son exit the residence and come outside in an emotional state. He again told her how Hall had pepper sprayed him and pointed out where it landed. Initially AH went in the residence with her son and she/JJW stayed outside. After about 10 minutes when they did not return she went inside as well to see where her son was. She found JW in the kitchen.

At that point Hall was not in the kitchen and was standing in the bedroom off the kitchen holding a knife. The knife was described as having a blade of about 6-8 inches. She heard Hall saying to her son/victim "I'm going to cut you." JJW tried to tell Hall to put down the knife but Hall said "no, fuck that!"

Hall then walked up to her son holding the knife, blade down, and JW pushed her with his hands away from him. She stumbled back, but was still close to her son. Hall then brought the knife up and stabbed her son. She also believes that he was stabbed in the chest as well as the neck. JJW then yelled "you stabbed my son!" She saw blood pouring out of her son's neck.

After this short physical altercation occurred between JJW and Hall.

Statement of ZB

Detective Ryan Casey took a statement of ZB on September 29, 2025 regarding this incident.

ZB lives at the above listed residence with JW and Hall. She pointed at Hall during the conversation and identified her as the person who stabbed JW.

ZB said the argument began around 2:00 PM with Hall wanting the phone number of the manager at the Taco Bell that JW worked at so she could apply for a job. JW and Hall argued about which room to go into to discuss her applying for a job at Taco Bell.

Arguments continued with Hall threatening to have people come over and beat up JW. ZB said it was common for Hall to make threats to have people come over and "shot" JW. After making these threats Hall retrieved some pepper spray and sprayed JW. The first time she sprayed him she missed, but she hit him the second time. JW then called his parents to come over.

The first time Hall tried to stab JW was when she cut a hole in JW's sweatshirt, which he showed her/ZB. By this time JW's mom had arrived and she heard JJW/Mom tell Hall "you just tried to stab my baby?" and Hall denied it.

An argument continued in Hall's room and Hall was making threats to have people come up from Mississippi to fight JW. During this argument Hall was laughing and saying "I'm going to stab you, I'm

going to kill you.” ZB as in the kitchen when this happened and she saw Hall swinging her fists at at JW. ZB des not know if Hall still had the knife in her hands at this time.

About 5 seconds after this ZB saw blood all over the walls in Hall’ room. Hall dropped the knife and she heard JJW/Mom say “you stabbed my son!”

Second Statement of ZB

ZB provided a follow up more detailed statement to Detective Michael Driscoll. In that statement she said that the events immediately preceding the stabbing involved JW going to the doorway of Hall’s bedroom. Hall had a knife and was waiving it around. Hall pushed JW which caused him to push Hall back. They both ended up on Hall’ bed with JW on top. Punches were being thrown and Hall swung and stabbed JW.

Prior to this occurring, Hall had been going around with the knife threatening to stab JW as well as JW’s mom if they bother or “run up” on her.

Detective Driscoll confirmed that the cause of death as reported was from the stab wound.

****End of Complaint****

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