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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BROWN COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2021BR000238
Assigned DDA: Wendy W. Lemkuil
Agency Case No.: 21-201124

vs.

Court Case No.: 21CF____
ATN:

BRANDON ALMETO BREWER
6402 Martinique Road
Baltimore, MD 21237
DOB: 02/09/1981
Sex/Race: M/B
Eye Color: Brown
Hair Color: Black
Height: 5 ft 07 in
Weight: 190 lbs

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Defendant.

For Official Use

Complainant, an Deputy District Attorney, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that:

Count 1: ARMED ROBBERY

The above-named defendant on or about Thursday, January 7, 2021, in the City of Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, with intent to steal, did take property from the person or presence of the owner, Chase Bank, by use or threatening use of a dangerous weapon, contrary to sec. 943.32(2) Wis. Stats., a Class C Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than forty (40) years, or both.

Count 2: ARMED ROBBERY

The above-named defendant on or about Thursday, January 7, 2021, in the City of Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, with intent to steal, did take property from the person or presence of the owner, Kwik Trip, by use or threatening use of a dangerous weapon, contrary to sec. 943.32(2) Wis. Stats., a Class C Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than forty (40) years, or both.

Complainant is an Deputy District Attorney with the Brown County District Attorney's Office and knows of the above offense(s) on information and belief based upon:

PROBABLE CAUSE:

The complainant, being duly sworn on oath, swears that she has had the opportunity to review the police reports of the Green Bay Police Department and other documents supporting this complaint, which are the types of reports and documents kept in the ordinary course of business, which complainant believes to be truthful and reliable because they have proven to be truthful and reliable on numerous occasions in the past.

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The complaint further asserts that based upon her review of the reports and/or supporting documents, the incidents alleged in Brown County, Wisconsin.

1. Your complainant's review of the reports of Det. Craig Pakkala of the Green Bay Police Department, who indicates: On 01-07-21, shortly after 10:55 AM, I, Det. Craig Pakkala, was notified about a bank robbery that had just occurred at 200 S. Adams St., which is Chase Bank. The bank is located at the intersection of Doty St. and S. Adams St., City of Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, one block to the north of the Green Bay Police Department. According to Lt. Gering, the suspect(s) is still at-large and a perimeter has been established. Upon arrival, Det. Kempf and I positioned ourselves on the west side of the bank. I contacted officers on scene, asking if the interior of the bank was secure. According to officers on scene, the suspect had fled the bank and officers were inside. We were directed to the east side entrance as a point of entry. A Green Bay Police Department K-9 was requested and was en route.

Inside, I made contact with Lt. T. Buchmann, road supervisor. I asked for an update as to the status of the investigation thus far. Lt. Buchmann directed me to two employees of the bank, both victims of the robbery, M.M.J. and E.L.B. Both M.M.J. and E.L.B. had interaction with the suspect at their Teller locations. The suspect was said to have entered and exited via the east side bank door. Once inside, Lt. Buchmann stated the suspect made contact with the two bank tellers, then exited from the same door he entered. According to witnesses, the suspect was not wearing gloves at the time and touched locations at the two Teller windows. Members of our IFS Unit were contacted and asked to respond to the bank for processing of the scene.

I first spoke to J.M.J., who gave me a brief synopsis of what happened. An officer would later obtain a statement from J.M.J., so I wished to gather a detailed physical description of the suspect. According to J.M.J., the suspect was a male/Black, approximately 5'10". He stated it was difficult to determine a proper height, as the suspect stood on his tip toes to peer over the counter. J.M.J. stated the suspect was of average build but wearing a larger sized jacket. He was wearing a PPE mask and J.M.J. believed it to be black in color. The jacket, a heavier sweater type, he was wearing was solid black with camouflage arms. J.M.J. stated he did not see any weapons on the suspect. This information was immediately sent to patrol units in the area.

I then spoke to E.L.B., who is the Lead Associate Operator or Assistant Manager). At the time of the robbery, she was working as a Teller, next to M.M.J. E.L.B. had already contacted "Steve", an employee who is in the Security Department for Chase Bank. All security footage from the Chase Bank security cameras were off-site and E.L.B. was awaiting images of the suspect. When the images arrived, I sent them to officers/detectives, as an active search for the suspect was still in progress. I would later speak to another employee, who will send me a copy of the video (robbery) at a later time. A short time later, I was advised by Det. Kempf that a male who matched the description of the suspect was located at a hotel, one block to the southeast of the bank. The suspect was wearing the same clothing and money was found in his possession. Det. Kempf had gone to the location where the suspect was located and positively identified as committing the bank robbery.

At 11:40 AM, I took the attached two-page statement from E.L.B. Following the statement, she reviewed its content for accuracy, initialed where corrections were made, and signed the bottom

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of each page. As mentioned, E.L.B. was working during the time of the robbery, filling in a Teller position. She was working at a station near another employee, J.M.J..

Shortly before 10:50 AM, she observed a male/Black sitting in a chair near the east side entrance to the bank. She would describe the male as being Black, shorter than average maybe 5'6", and having an average to slim build. He was wearing a black zip up jacket, with a camo stripe down the side. In addition, she stated the male had a dark PPE mask on his face. E.L.B. stated she watched as the male walked over to the check writing stand. She noted his pants, as they appeared big. While at the stand, his back was toward E.L.B. and he was hunched over. When he left the stand and walked to her location, he handed her a note. According to E.L.B., the note read, "This is a robbery. I have a gun. Put the money in the bag". The suspect then handed E.L.B. a full size black garbage, having a red draw string.

E.L.B. stated she took money from her top drawer, an amount of approximately \$1000, and put it in the bag. She stated the suspect was leaning over, watching her. He observed a bunch of \$1 bills and asked for those also. When she went to hand the bag back to him, the suspect said to give it to J.M.J.. The suspect asked for all of J.M.J.'S money as well. At the time, K.V.K., an employee of Kwik Trip, was a customer and working with J.M.J. on making her stores deposit. As J.M.J. was placing money in the bag, the suspect saw K.V.K.'S money bag and grabbed it. The suspect then ran out of the store, using the same entrance as the one he entered from. The suspect was later identified as Brandon A. BREWER 02-09-81.

When he was being transported to the Green Bay Police Department, Det. Kempf spoke to him. BREWER, at that time, agreed to speak to detectives. When I arrived at the station, I was told that BREWER was staying in #166, at the Quality Inn on S. Washington St. Det. Kempf and Det. B. Biller interviewed BREWER and signed a Consent To Search form, giving officers permission to search his room.

Myself and Det. Biller went to the hotel, where we made contact with Sgt. J. Schilling. He and three other officers were monitoring the room. They had obtained an access key for the room but did not enter. Sgt. Schilling provided paperwork from the hotel, showing the room was reserved by a "Linda Drebruwer". It appears the room was rented for one night, with a departure on 01-07-21. Payment was made via credit card and although it shows "Linda Drebruwer(s)" name, it was signed by someone whose name started with a "B" (BREWER). After the room door was open, officers conducted a search of the room for any other subjects. No one else was found inside of the room. The room was in clean condition and all trash was in the garbage can. The room had two beds and both appeared to have been sat/laid on. I photographed the room, including the contents of the garbage as it was emptied. Inside of the garbage, I found four items of evidence. One item, which was on top of the trash, was a black, full size garbage bag with a red draw string. This was identical to the bag E.L.B. described as the suspect having. I also found a clear, plastic money bag. Written on the bag was "Kwik Trip", "01/06/21", an amount of "12425.00", and "Chase". Another item of evidence was what appears to be a torn off part of the mentioned "Kwik Trip" bag. Lastly, were two items of paperwork, folded together. One was the hotel receipt, which had "Drebruwer, Linda" as the name. The other was from the Brown County Community Treatment Center, addressed to "Brewer, Brandon A ID: 135771".

2. Your complainant's review of the reports of Det. Kevin Kempf of the Green Bay Police Department, who indicates: On 01/07/2021, Detective Pakkala and I were informed that a

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bank robbery had just occurred at the Chase Bank located at 200 S Adams Street in the City of Green Bay. We were asked to respond to the location and assist Patrol Officers in the investigation.

Upon arrival, Detective Pakkala started to work with the bank in obtaining photos of the suspect. I spoke with Officers on scene including Officer Kleeman to determine the areas of interest. It was determined that the suspect had walked in through the front door of the bank located off of Adams Street. The suspect then made his way to a teller window that was being worked by a teller identified as, E.L.B. While at the window the suspect then handed the teller a note that had fallen behind the counter during the robbery and was still lying on the ground.

I was told that the note did indicate that the males intentions were to rob the bank and that he did have a gun. The male then produced a black garbage bag and gave it to E.L.B. and told her to give the bag to the teller next to her also. After E.L.B. had put her money in the bag she handed the bag to the next teller and informed him what was occurring. The teller that had been working the window to the east of E.L.B. was identified as J.M.J. When this occurred J.M.J. had been assisting another customer identified as K.V.K. who was dropping off a deposit for Kwik Trip. The suspect did reach over and also grabbed the deposit bag that had been sitting on the counter that belonged to Kwik Trip as he was being handed the black bag containing the money from the two tills.

After being given the black bag with the money and grabbing the Kwik Trip deposit I did speak with K.V.K. and she indicated that the Kwik Trip money bag had just over \$12,000 dollars and she had just come from the Kwik Trip on West Walnut to make the deposit. K.V.K. told me that she could not remember if the suspect was wearing gloves or not but did tell me that the black bag was just a black trash bag and that she believes it even had the yellow pull ties on it.

The suspect then walked back out the door and started to walk south on Adams Street. I was told the suspect appeared to start jogging or running from the location just as he was leaving sight of the front windows. Detective Pakkala had started to get still photos of the suspect at the first window around this time and started to disseminate the photos of the suspect and his clothing. The suspect was a male black with a receding hairline. He was wearing a sweatshirt with camo colored arms and a black chest area the had the words POLO SPORT with the American flag below the writing. The suspect had light colored pants on and white colored shoes. The male was also wearing a blue surgical mask. In the photos it could be seen that the suspect was not wearing gloves had touched the counter with his bare hands in a number of locations and had also been touching the note that had been handed to the teller at the time of the robbery with his bare hands.

Just as I was finishing briefing them on what we would like collected and documented for evidence, I heard on the radio that Officers had been informed that a male matching the description and clothing description was currently at the Quality Inn and Suites Downtown located at 321 S Washington Street.

The information was that the male was in the lobby and was checking out of the hotel and had stayed the night before in room 166. Officers responded to the scene and detained the male identified by Maryland DL as Brandon Brewer 02/09/1961. Brewer was taken into custody and I was informed that he was wearing the same clothing and had a black bag filled with money that matched the one used in the robbery.

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I did request that the transport Officer who was transporting Brewer to the station meet me at the corner of Adams and Stuart. I walked to this location with one of the photos of the robbery suspect and compared the photo to Brewer. The clothing along with his mask and hairline matched that of the robbery suspect. I did ask Brewer if he was alright or if he needed any medical attention and he told me that he was fine. I asked him if he would be willing to speak to me in a little while and Brewer told me that would be fine. Brewer was then transported to the station and placed in interview room #2. I then went back to the bank and informed Detective Pakkala of the update and walked to the station to speak with Brewer.

Detective Biller assisted me in the interview. I again asked Brewer if he was alright and to told me that he was fine and the handcuffs were removed from Brewer. Brewer was read his Miranda Rights and indicated that he understood his rights and agreed to waive his rights. This form was then scanned into the case attachments. Brewer was then asked if he would be willing to sign a consent to search the room that had been rented to him at the Quality Inn which was identified as room #166. Brewer did say that he would be will to sign the consent to search the room and also indicated that he had turned in his key and had just checked out of the room. This form was placed in the attachments. Brewer was then asked if he wanted something to drink and he told me that he did not and was fine. **Brewer was then shown one of the photos of the bank robbery suspect. I asked Brewer if this was him and he told me that it was him. I then asked Brewer why did he robbed a bank? Brewer told me that he did not know why he robbed the bank. Brewer denied that there were any issues occurring that caused him to rob the bank and also indicated that no one forced him to rob the bank.** Brewer was asked where his car was located that belonged to the car key in his pocket. Officer had already spoke to Brewer's mother and been told a description of the car. Brewer denied having a car and claimed that he just had the key in his pocket. Brewer seemed to distance himself from the car and claimed not to know who had the car at this time. An attempt to locate the car was placed out.

Shortly after this Brewer indicated that he wanted a lawyer or a public defender. I confirmed with Brewer that he was asking for a lawyer and upon this conformation the interview was ended. During my contact with Brewer he appeared alert and aware of his surroundings. He also demonstrated that he was able to make decision and claimed no medical issues. Brewer was then transported to jail for two counts of armed robbery. Brewer robbed the bank during indicating that he had a weapon and also took the deposit for Kwik Trip that did not appear to have been deposited into the bank. I did request that Brewer's outer layer of clothing that matched the photos be collected at the jail and placed into evidence.

I did speak with Detective Scanlan who had collected video including surveillance from Rummele's Jewelry which is located directly to the south of the Chase Bank. Detective Scanlan informed me that he had been told that the suspect is on the video prior to and after the robbery going back to the hotel. I was also informed that it appears Brewer had left the hotel during the night and appeared to be walking around the Jewelry Store and Bank locations during the night possibly casing the locations prior to the robbery.

A total of \$20,467.75 in cash was recovered from Brewer and his possession. From the deposit bag for Kwik Trip located in Brewer's room we know that it contained \$12,425 dollars. At this time we have not received the paperwork from the bank to indicate the total money that would have been removed from the two tills. Of the remaining \$8042.75 it is known that some

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of the money will be accounted for from the tills of the Chase Bank. What money remains after that some belong to Brewer and/or may be proceeds from other criminal actions.

While Officers were processing the items a piece of paper was located in Brewer's wallet that had banking information on it. The information was from an account #2924429125 with a routing #063107513 and the number 05500321 written below the routing number. The information was written on a memo pad from Professional Imaging Centers and appears to have three locations Orlando, Kissimmee, and Winter Springs Florida.

3. Your complainant's review of the reports of Officer Janelle Kleemann of the Green Bay Police Department, who indicates: On Thursday, January 7, 2021, at approximately 10:50 a.m., I had just been sent on a break when I heard numerous officers being dispatched to a bank robbery at the Chase Bank, 200 S. Adams Street. I immediately advised dispatch to add me to the call as I was only a couple of blocks away. Dispatch notes indicated that the bank was just robbed by one person and that the suspect was gone now. The initial description was only that it was a male/black wearing white baggy jeans and a light blue hoodie and that the caller believed he had come on foot and left through the Adams Street doors. While numerous other officers were checking the area for the suspect, I immediately responded to the scene and went inside to meet with the employees and any witnesses.

I briefly spoke with the lead office assistant manager, identified as E.L.B., as well as an associate banker, identified as J.M.J. and a witness, identified as K.V.K.. Immediately, I went over a more thorough description of the male from E.L.B. and K.V.K. and then broadcast to other units that the suspect was described as a black male, possibly 25 years old, wearing a black hoodie with the hood up that had camo down the sides of the hoodie, white sneakers, that he was thin and shorter, about 5'6", and that he had a large black plastic garbage bag that he put the money in.

E.L.B. had indicated that the male had come to her teller window first and after telling her to put the money in the bag, had told her to hand it to him too, indicating she should hand the bag to J.M.J., who was the teller working at the window next to her. At the time of the robbery, K.V.K. was doing business in J.M.J.'s teller line.

By this time, other officers and detectives were arriving on scene, and I was requested to take a written statement from K.V.K. K.V.K. advised me that she works for Kwik Trip at the store at 515 W. Walnut Street. She indicated that she was at the bank to drop off a deposit and also to get coins for the store for \$850 in cash that she had brought. She indicated that she was at J.M.J.'s teller window first before this male approached E.L.B.'s window. K.V.K. indicated that initially when the suspect walked up to E.L.B.'s window, she didn't pay much attention to him because she was doing her banking with J.M.J.. She indicated that the \$12,000 deposit for Kwik Trip was in a clear plastic bag with dark blue writing on it. She stated that she had already pushed the bag under the Plexiglas opening, and it was on J.M.J.'s side of the teller window. She stated she still had the \$850 in cash on the counter by her.

She stated while doing her business with J.M.J., she then saw E.L.B. hand J.M.J. a big black garbage bag and state, "We're being robbed. Put your cash in the bag." She stated at that time, she realized that the male suspect had walked around her and come onto the right side of her by J.M.J.'s teller window. K.V.K. indicated at that time is when she backed away from the window. She stated the male then reached around the higher side of the teller window and

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around the Plexiglas and grabbed the Kwik Trip deposit in the plastic bag as well as the garbage bag from J.M.J. and then ran out of the bank through the Adams Street doors. She stated she looked through the windows and was able to see that he ran to the south and then ran across Adams Street and cut through the parking lot that is on the south side of St. Willebrord Church. K.V.K. stated that's when she lost sight of the male.

Again, K.V.K. described him as thin and about 5'6", maybe around 25 years old, wearing a black hoodie with camouflage on the arms, and white sneakers. She indicated to me that she believed that he had light gray sweatpants on. After determining that everything was completed at the Chase Bank, I then went over to the Quality Inn where officers had taken the bank robbery suspect into custody. I was advised that the clerk at the Quality Inn had video footage of the suspect but needed IFSU to respond to help download it onto a USB. I then contacted IFSU Specialist Baeleigh Larson to advise her to stop at the Quality Inn for that purpose when she was done at the bank.

I then briefly met with officers who were standing by at the room that the suspect had rented, which was room 166. There was discussion there that this male had keys for a Nissan Sentra and, according to his mother who had been contacted, that is his vehicle and he normally has it; however, it was not located in the Quality Inn parking lot. I was also advised that the county had contact with this suspect, identified as **Brewer, Brandon A., M/B, (02/09/1981)**, within the last couple of days. I then contacted Teletype to look up county calls from January 4th, and I was advised that the county had contact with Brandon on that date at approximately 1:00 in the morning, case #21-000256, and was advised that notes indicated that Brandon was EM-1'd at the Brown County Community Treatment Center. In that call, there was no mention of his vehicle.

I was also advised by Teletype that there was a call put in for Green Bay Police just before midnight on January 6th, #21-201061, where Brandon had shown up at the Crisis Center indicating that he was feeling suicidal. Apparently, he had left Crisis, and they had called in a welfare check on him as he had indicated before leaving that he was going to go to an unknown friend's house and kill himself. Again, there was no mention of any possible car or its whereabouts in that report. I did relay this information to Sgt. Schilling as Officer Krueger had the key fob for the Nissan Sentra and was trying to locate it. At that time, he advised that he would have officers check the Bellin Hospital parking lots to see if the vehicle could be located.

4. Your complainant's review of the reports of Officer John Allen of the Green Bay Police Department, who indicates: I, Officer J.M. Allen, assigned full uniform patrol as 1A2, was dispatched to a robbery in progress at Chase Bank, 200 S. Adams Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin. As I drove en route to the call, I was updated by dispatch along with checking the notes of the call stating that the male suspect was a male/black wearing white or light colored baggy pants/jeans, black sweatshirt, camouflage sleeves, and seen carrying a black garbage bag, leaving on foot through the east door of the bank on Adams Street and proceeded to the south or west from the bank.

As other officers were arriving on scene, I assisted with the perimeter to the south and east at Madison Street and Cass Street while other officers attempted to locate the suspect by a K-9 track. A more detailed description was broadcast over the radio as a male/black wearing a Polo Sport black sweatshirt, hooded with red cross strings, camouflage arms on the sweatshirt, light colored pants, either light gray or light blue, white sneakers, carrying a garbage bag.

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Eventually, the K-9 track was terminated; at which point, I assisted other officers in checking local businesses, Marathon Gas Station, 610 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, along with stopping at the Micah Center, 700 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay. As I cleared from the Micah Center, I overheard dispatch inform officers that the male suspect was possibly in the lobby at the Quality Inn & Suites, 321 S. Washington Street, Green Bay, and that the male suspect was waiting for a cab to be brought to the Greyhound Bus Station.

I arrived on scene at the Quality Inn & Suites and provided an outside perimeter to the northwest of the Quality Inn & Suites at the intersection of S. Washington Street and Stuart Street. I overheard officers take a male into custody on the east side, which was the back of the Quality Inn & Suites. I then proceeded on foot to where those officers were located and observed that they did have a male/black in custody that was wearing the matching clothing of the suspect information being broadcast involved in the robbery.

I then made contact with the staff at the front desk of the Quality Inn & Suites and identified the front desk staff personnel. **D.L.M.** was the general manager of the Quality Inn & Suites and was the one who had called the police to alert them of the individual police were looking for. At this time, I then obtained information that the suspect, later identified as **Brandon A. Brewer (02/09/1981)**, was staying in room 166 at the Quality Inn & Suites. I did provide that information to other officers on scene. I then obtained a written statement on D.L.M.'s behalf. Please refer to the signed written statement attached to this case provided by D.L.M..

The summary of D.L.M.'s statement was that she was working the front desk at approximately 1000 hours today, January 7, 2021. Around this time, a male/black approached the front desk, later identified as Brandon, in which he asked to buy a PPE mask and that he was staying at the Quality Inn & Suites. She said that she just gave a mask to him and did not make him buy the mask with D.L.M. describing the PPE mask as blue in color with white trim. She said that once she gave Brandon the mask, he left out the front door of the inn.

D.L.M. went on to say that she continued to work at the front desk and, at one point, received a phone call from a police officer, unknown who that police officer was. The officer informed her that the police were looking for a robbery suspect headed to the area of the Quality Inn and provided a description of that suspect. D.L.M. said that the description given was a male/black wearing a black hoodie with camouflage sides with tan or gray pants that were a little baggy. D.L.M. mentioned that once the phone call was completed with the officer, she then sent two of her supervisor staff to check the hotel hallways and common areas if anyone matched that description, not to make contact with that person and just come back immediately to the front desk. D.L.M. stated that both staff then came back, not seeing anyone matching that description.

D.L.M. said that a short time later then, a male/black eventually came to the front desk, and she noticed immediately that the male/black matched the description of who the police were looking for. D.L.M. said that the male/black, Brandon, handed her four room keys and said that he was checking out of room 166 and requested a cab to the Greyhound Bus Station. D.L.M. said that she then called him a cab at the front desk and then went to the back office; at which point, she called 911, informing the police. The police then arrived.

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Based on the foregoing, the complainant believes this complaint to be true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on
01/08/21

Electronically Signed By:
Caleb J Saunders
Assistant District Attorney
State Bar #: 1094077

Electronically Signed By:
Wendy W. Lemkuil
Complainant