

STATE OF WISCONSIN	CIRCUIT COURT	WAUPACA COUNTY
STATE OF WISCONSIN, Plaintiff,	CRIMINAL COMPLAINT	
vs.	CASE TYPE: CF	
STEVEN DANIEL EGGERT WAUPACA COUNTY JAIL WAUPACA, WI 54981 DOB: 01/27/1998 SEX/RACE: / EYE COLOR: HAIR COLOR: HEIGHT: ; WEIGHT: ;	DA CASE #: 2022WP000689 AGENCY CASE #: 22-3052 DCI DA/ADA ASSIGNED: VERONICA ISHERWOOD JUDGE ASSIGNED: HONORABLE VICKI CLUSSMAN	
Defendant.		

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states that:

Count 1: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE

The above-named defendant, between 05/23/2022 and 05/31/2022, in the City of Waupaca, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, did conspire with others to cause the death of Witness 1 from Waupaca County Case #2022CF198, with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a), 939.50(3)(a), 939.31 Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class B Felony, the defendant shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 60 years.

And further, invoking the provisions of sec. 939.62(1)(c) Wis. Stats., because the defendant is a repeater, having been convicted of Felony Fleeing, which conviction(s) remain of record and unreversed, the maximum term of imprisonment for the underlying crime may be increased by not more than 6 years.

Count 2: SOLICITATION OF FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE

The above-named defendant, between 05/23/2022 and 05/31/2022, in the City of Waupaca, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, advised another to cause the death of Witness 1 from Waupaca County Case #2022CF198, with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a), 939.50(3)(a), 939.30 Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class F Felony, the defendant may be fined not more than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or imprisoned not more than twelve (12) years and six (6) months, or both.

And further, invoking the provisions of sec. 939.62(1)(c) Wis. Stats., because the defendant is a repeater, having been convicted of Felony Fleeing, which conviction(s) remain of record and unreversed, the maximum term of imprisonment for the underlying crime may be increased by not more than 6 years.

Count 3: FALSE STATEMENT REGARDING MILITARY SERVICE, REPEATER

The above-named defendant, between 04/16/2022 and 05/31/2022, in the City of Waupaca, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, did knowingly and with the intent to receive a tangible benefit falsely claim that he was a service member in the military, contrary to sec. 946.78(2)(a), 939.51(3)(a), 939.62(1)(a) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class A Misdemeanor, the defendant may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than nine (9) months, or both.

And further, invoking the provisions of sec. 939.62(1)(a) Wis. Stats., because the defendant is a repeater, having been convicted of Felony Fleeing, which conviction(s) remain of record and unreversed, the maximum term of imprisonment for the underlying crime may be increased to not more than 2 years.

PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your complainant is an officer with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation. Your complainant makes this complaint upon information and belief and upon reports and records of that department. Your complainant has relied upon these records in the past and has found them to be truthful and reliable.

Special Agents from DCI continued their investigation into the arson case charged in the original Criminal Complaint in Waupaca County Case #2022CF198. On May 27, 2022 the agents received information that led them to interview an individual identified herein as Inmate Witness #1 (IW#1). IW#1, an inmate in the Waupaca County Jail (located in the City and County of Waupaca, Wisconsin) wanted to make a voluntary statement because he was concerned with what was happening in his cell block. IW#1 made his Mirandized statement with his attorney present.

IW#1 reported that he had extensive conversations with another inmate identified as Steven Eggert, DOB 01/27/1998. IW#1 told agents that talked to him about setting the fire. At one point in their conversations, Eggert asked IW#1 if he would kill witnesses for him as he did not want to be convicted. IW#1 immediately said no and removed himself from the conversation immediately. IW#1 did say that another inmate on the block had been talking to Eggert about the proposed killing.

On 05/31/2022 SAs had a mirandized interview with Inmate Witness #2 (IW#2) and his attorney. IW#2 explained that he had multiple conversations with Eggert who was in the same pod. In the course of their conversations Eggert discussed a murder for hire scheme with him. IW#2 indicated that they came to an understanding that Eggert would make arrangements for IW#2's cash bond to be posted. In addition Eggert would make arrangements for an initial payment of \$11,000 with subsequent payments totaling \$80,000.00 to be paid so that IW#2 would be released from custody. As of May 31, 2022 Eggert had changed the amount to total \$60,000, with \$10,000 toward IW#2's bond and court obligations in exchange for the murder of a witness in Eggert's case. IW#2 would also get a truck valued at \$10,000 owned by CW1 if he liked the truck. IW#2 was able to identify the target witness by first and last name. IW#2 had directions to his house, he knew the bar where Witness #1 played pool, the description of vehicles driven, physical description of the witness and other details to locate the witness in order to commit the murder. IW#2 indicated there were multiple conversations regarding the terms of the agreement and the payment amount had changed a number of times. As part of the scheme, Eggert signed his name on a paper towel and gave it to IW#2 so that the signature could be copied onto a legal form if needed.

SA's met with an individual identified as Citizen Witness 1 (CW1) on 05/31/2022. CW1 had no knowledge that agents wanted to speak to her prior to the meeting. Between 5/24/22 and 5/25/22 right after he was charged CW1 indicated that she had multiple communications with an individual known to her as Steven Eggert from the Waupaca County jail. CW1 indicated that Eggert had called her a number of times asking her for money. After CW1 told Eggert that she could not afford to post his bond, Eggert asked her to post the bond for another inmate in his pod. Eggert identified the inmate as IW#2. Eggert also asked her to provide extra money to pay off a court debt of IW#1. At the time of the interview CW1 told agents that Eggert thought she was at the bank that day to get the money. This corresponded with the fact that IW#2 thought his bond was being posted that day.

Throughout the investigation of the arson case 2022CF198 and this investigation all witnesses indicated that Eggert had told them that he had been in the military. Eggert told witnesses that he had served in Afghanistan and Iraq and that he was Special Forces. Eggert told Witness 4 that he had been shot in the chest while in the service. Witness 4 had purchased a firearm for Eggert on April 16, 2022. When Witness 4 was asked if she knew if Eggert was a convicted felon she responded – he wasn't as he had been in military.

When SAs spoke to IW#2, IW#2 was visibly frightened when beginning the interview. IW#2 was very afraid of retaliation by Eggert. When asked why he was so afraid IW#2 responded – “you know he was Special Forces.”

Your complainant is aware that Witness 1 was also afraid of retaliation by Eggert. SAs had reported in the original arson investigation that Witness 1 had recalled a time, prior to the current incident, where Eggert was talking about how he got caught up in stealing a truck. When talking about it, Eggert told Witness 1 that he loved him, but if Witness 1 ever told anyone as much as it would sadden him, Eggert would have to kill him. Witness 1 indicated that those comments made him worry about their safety.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 06/01/22

Electronically Signed By:

Veronica Isherwood

District Attorney

State Bar #: 1022814

Electronically Signed By:

Special Agent Eric Beine

Complainant