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**STATE OF WISCONSIN****CIRCUIT COURT****GREEN LAKE COUNTY**

STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA  
N9197 32<sup>ND</sup> DR.  
BERLIN, WI 54923  
DOB: 10/19/1960

JASON P HOPPA  
N3452 STATE ROAD 49  
BERLIN, WI 54923  
DOB: 01/07/1984

Defendants.

DA Case No.: 2022GL000997  
Assigned DA: MATTHEW S MCELROY  
Agency Case No.: 222622  
ATN: 24000000381584  
24000000381592

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

The undersigned being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

Your complainant, a sworn law enforcement officer with the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office, states that this complaint is based on official law enforcement agency reports prepared by one or more investigating officers, whom your complainant believes to be truthful and reliable. Said reports have been prepared, filed, and maintained in the normal and ordinary course of business of said law enforcement agency. Your complainant states that relevant portions of said law enforcement reports are included or summarized in the probable cause section of this complaint.

**Count 1: SOLICITATION OF FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE - PTAC, AS A PARTY TO A CRIME** (As to defendant JASON P HOPPA)

The above-named defendant on or between March of 2022 and November 30, 2022, in the Town of Berlin, Green Lake County, Wisconsin, as a party to a crime, advised another to cause the death of JAH, with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a), 939.30, 939.05 Wis. Stats., a Class F Felony, and upon conviction 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.

**Count 2: SOLICITATION OF FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE - PTAC, AS A PARTY TO A CRIME** (As to defendant JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA)

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**PROBABLE CAUSE:**

Deputy Schroeder reports that on 10/23/22 at approximately 2:54 pm, I was advised of a suspicious call at a residence on 32nd Drive in the Town of Berlin, Green Lake County, State of Wisconsin.

Dispatch informed me to give them a call and I did speak with them on the phone regarding a call from a CH. CH is JAH and JML's attorney. CH advised dispatch that JML had called stating that a MGD had come to her house and informed her that JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA and JASON HOPPA offered him money to take out JAH.

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I did go to the residence on 32nd Drive and met with JML at approximately 3:06 pm. JML advised that a male by the name of MGD had stopped over and stated, "I know your boyfriends dad, who lives next door." MD stated that he, Joseph Anthony Hoppa, and Jason Hoppa had met at Izzy's in the City of Berlin. MGD advised JML that at that meeting he was offered \$20,000 now and \$20,000 when he took JAH out. MGD also stated that JASON has lots of firearms and he was going to file off the serial number on one of the guns so it couldn't be traceable. MGD told JML that he could not live with this any longer and advised this happened around July of 2022.

JML informed me that JAH is the primary beneficiary of a family estate and JAH'S father JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA is mad that he didn't get as much from the estate.

JML advised that MGD told her also that he knows all their schedules and what types of vehicles they drive.

JML stated that she is worried and does not know what is going to happen. JML mentioned that JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA is supposed to be getting \$400,000 real soon, so she believed that he could actually hire someone and pay them more.

Detective Hanson reports that on 11/3/22 at approximately 1:30 pm, I did sit down for an interview with MGD regarding this case.

MGD told me that he and JO Sr. were living at the Riverside Motel in the City of Berlin and were looking for a place to live. They did find a place on Union Street in the City of Berlin and called the County to find out who the owner of the property was. MGD and JO Sr were told that a JOSEPH HOPPA was the owner of the property. MGD stated that he and JO Sr drove out to what they believed was the residence of JOSEPH HOPPA and ended up heading to the farm which would have been JAH, not JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. This is when MGD and JO SR found out JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. lived at the trailer. JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. stated that he and his kid (Jason) would meet them at Izzy's Bar for a meeting. The meeting occurred sometime in March of 2022.

MGD stated to JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. that they needed a place to live, and they were getting kicked out of the Riverside Motel. MGD indicated that if they had nowhere to go, they would end up sleeping in a truck or something else along that same level. JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. indicated that they could do some favors down the road and stated, "let's get you guys in the Union Street house".

MGD advised after that meeting, they did move into the Union Street house and began fixing it up. MGD stated a couple of weeks later JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. came over to see the progress of the improvement projects that they were doing. JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. advised MGD that he wanted to have a meeting with them at Izzy's located at 186 Broadway Street, city of Berlin, Green Lake County, WI.

MGD stated that this meeting occurred a couple of weeks later which would have been at the end of March 2022. MGD advised during the meeting at Izzy's they talked about the upcoming court case on the issues with the trust. JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. knew that MGD had been to prison a bunch of times. JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. asked MGD if he thought he could kill someone and get away with it. MGD respond with "yeah". MGD indicated most people get caught because they talk about it, or they do it with someone else. JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. asked how he would do it, and MGD indicated that he would do it by himself, his face would be covered up and walk up to the individual as they were getting into their vehicle and stick one in their "fucking head". JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. then stated alright "you want to kill my kid". MGD responded with "fuck Joe what happened to blood is thicker than water". JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. then flat out told MGD that there is "no love here, I have no love for this kid, I don't even like claiming him as my son". JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. went on to say that the way this court case is going, "he's got to go, no ifs, ands or buts, he's got to fucking go". MGD responded that he would have to give it some serious thought. MGD also told JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. if he did do this that there is three people that know, me, you, and JASON there is no one else involved if this happens and if the cops find out, I'm coming for you or JASON. JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. assured him that no one else is going to find out. JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. indicated that he would give him \$20,000 cash and JASON would give the firearm to MGD. Then when the job was done, they would just happen to bump into each other at Izzy's and give the other \$20,000 to him. So, in total, \$40,000.

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I asked MGD if he has had any contact with JOSEPH HOPPA Sr since the meeting they had back in March. MGD stated they had some contact, but this conversation has never come up since then except for the other day when MGD bumped into JASON HOPPA. MGD indicated at that time JASON still wanted him to kill his brother. JASON indicated that this should have been done "like yesterday". I asked MGD if JASON was the one that told him about all the cameras at the property. MGD indicated that JASON told him about the cameras on JOSEPH HOPPA Jr property and stated that there is no way to come in and not be seen on camera. JASON stated that he should stop on the side of the road and walk in from the back, stay behind a building until he comes out and when he comes out "fucking pop" him. Then walk back out.

I asked MGD if there was any conversation of harming the girlfriend or kids. MGD stated that there was not, but they did talk about the trust. If JAH is gone, everything goes back to JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. MGD mentioned that they also offered to get MGD a four-wheeler so he could come in from the back and leave from the back; however, MGD stated he didn't think he needed that. They also suggested earlier morning, as that is when he leaves for work. JOSEPH HOPPA Sr. stated that he should walk in from the back, have his face and tattoos covered, wear gloves and just walk up and stick one in his head.

I then asked MGD further questions on what happened when he ran into JASON a couple of days ago. MGD stated that he ran into JASON on October 30, 2022, on STH 21 just outside of Redgranite, Wisconsin. MGD stated that he was at a flag stand with a lot of anti-Biden stuff was there. MGD stated that he was looking around at some flags & stickers and he heard a female state "funny running into you". MGD advised that he turned around and noticed it was JASON HOPPPA'S girlfriend. The girlfriend indicated that JASON was in the truck and MGD went over to talk to him. MGD stated, "what's the game plan" and JASON stated, "I'll call you later". MGD mentioned that he flat out asked JASON if he still wanted me to "pick off your brother". JASON stated, "fuck yeah, like yesterday, he's got to go like yesterday".

As of this time, MGD has not heard back from JASON. I did reconfirm that the time of the second meeting at Izzy's, JASON was there and offered a firearm. MGD stated that JASON had the firearm on him, and JASON opened his jacket and showed him a gun that he had on him. MGD advised that JASON indicated this is what I would give you but first he had to take off the numbers. MGD did show me a picture on JASON'S Facebook page. MGD stated that this is the specific firearm that JASON had on him that evening at Izzy's. I then asked MGD who else was at the meeting at Izzy's. MGD stated that in addition to himself, JOSEPH HOPPA Sr and JASON HOPPA, JOSEPH also had his girlfriend there and JASON had his girlfriend there as well as least one of their kids. MGD stated that it was a daughter.

MGD advised that all their conversations back and forth typically face to face or a phone call. MGD stated that they do not text back and forth. MGD advised when JASON gets back from him it will be either face to face or a phone call.

On November 7, 2022, Detective Hanson reports, I received a phone call from MGD at 9:15 am. MGD indicated that he had provided us all the information that he knew and at this time he did not want to cooperate any further. MGD stated that the HOPPA'S have a lot of family members and if they were willing to kill one of their family members that it would be nothing to them to take out a hit on him.

On November 17, 2022, Detective Jeremiah Hanson reports that, at approximately 9:58 am, I did go to the residence of MGD in the City of Berlin, Green Lake County, Wisconsin.

In talking with MGD, he advised me that he still was willing to work with law enforcement to some degree. MGD agreed to try and contact JASON HOPPA on the phone for a recorded conversation.

Once Detective Sergeant Ward and I were at the apartment, MGD advised me that his phone number for JASON does not seem to be the correct one. I asked him if he had a phone number for JOSEPH HOPPA, and he stated he did not.

MGD stated that if I had a phone number for JOSEPH, he would try to call. I did provide him with the phone number for JOSEPH that we had in our in-house records system, and MGD did make the phone call and did speak with JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA.

MGD asked JOSEPH if he remembered what they talked about down there at the end of the road and stated, "If you still want it done, I'll go down and put a bullet in his head right now before I leave town." JOSEPH responded, "I can't do something like that."

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MGD indicated that the offer was still on the table, and JOSEPH responded that he hasn't even gotten paid yet. MGD responded, "Is this something you're still interested in after this court shit is done and you get paid?"

JOSEPH responded, "I kinda think I wouldn't wanna have anybody done, but there are other things that could be done later on. Right now I gotta wait til everything gets done and I get paid. Otherwise I wouldn't get anything."

MGD then stated "The only reason I'm asking is because I talked to JASON the other day and he said he was gonna talk to you and because of the conversation that me and you had." JOSEPH responded with "Yup, yup."

JOSEPH went on to say "As long as he's got your number, if I needed any work done or anything, I'd let you know." JOSEPH continued on, "Right now, I'm just trying to get things going so I get paid, that's the problem, I haven't gotten paid anything."

MGD responded with "Alright, sounds good. Let me know." JOSEPH stated "Sounds good. Thanks MGD. Thanks for calling." MGD then ended the conversation with JOSEPH.

I made a comment to MGD that based on the phone conversations, it sounds like JOSEPH did not have the funds right now. MGD responded with, "JOE definitely does have the funds" and advised that he keeps the funds within a safe in his residence. MGD believed that JOSEPH is still wanting this done, but he is paranoid in speaking over the phone.

MGD then indicated that he would try making phone contact with JASON HOPPA in the near future to see what the status of this is. MGD stated he would have to wait a few days at least before making that conversation because it would be too weird to do it right after calling JOSEPH.

On November 27, 2022, Detective Hanson did speak with MGD regarding any future phone calls with JASON HOPPA. MGD indicated that he was afraid to make any further phone calls and did not wish to be involved any further for his safety.

On November 30, 2022, I, Detective Jeremiah Hanson, was assigned to investigative duties for the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office, Green Lake County, Wisconsin. A search warrant was executed on the residence of Joseph Anthony Hoppa on 32<sup>nd</sup> Drive, in the City of Berlin, Green Lake County, WI.

Afterwards, I did read JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA his Miranda rights because he was handcuffed in the back of a patrol vehicle.

After reading JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA his Miranda rights, I asked if he would be willing to speak with me. He indicated that he was willing... I also told him that I did not want him to make anything up and I just wanted the truth on what had happened. I told JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA that we were there with the search warrant and that this incident stems from a conversation that he had about killing his son at Izzy's Bar, located in the city of Berlin, Green Lake County, WI. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA's response was "what's Izzy's". He stated that he did not know where it is or what it is. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA told me that he has lived in Berlin all his life. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA was described the location and that it was a bar in Berlin. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA stated that I don't know any of the bars, I don't drink. We asked him if he recalled any conversations with people about his son and he stated "no". We asked him if there were any issues that he has with his son JAH. He stated they are contesting a trust. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA stated that his dad died in January, the farm, and everything was turned over to his son JAH. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA did correct himself later, stating that almost everything was turned over to JAH. This included 220 acres, property in Orlando, properties in Redgranite and the remaining money from the estate. The property became an issue after it was found out what was in the trust. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA stated that he never contacted his son about the estate and there were never any conversations with JAH about the trust. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA stated that as far as everyone was aware, they thought the trust was spilt 50/50 between JAH and himself. It was a surprise to everyone when that was not what the estate was after the death of his father. Agent Fredrick asked him if he had any conversations discussing displeasure with the estate. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA stated that he had conversations with his son, daughter and attorney but can't recall anyone else. He was then asked if he ever thought about causing harm to JAH and he replied "no, I am a Christian" and "I wouldn't do something like that". JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA indicated he would never entertain the idea of trying to harm JAH regarding the property, again indicated that he is a Christian and he wouldn't do something like that.

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Agent Fredrick then asked JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA if he had any conversations with anyone else to have them do it. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA paused and thought about it for a second and stated, "well there was a male by the name of MGD" and he had mentioned something about doing harm to JAH. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA indicated that he told MGD he couldn't do anything like that and wouldn't want to do anything like that. Agent Fredrick then asked him if he talked to MGD at Izzy's and JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA response with "you got to tell me what Izzy's is, I don't know what Izzy's is or where it is" I tried to describe to JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA where Izzy's is located, and he still seemed to be confused. Agent Fredrick then asked him if he has every had personal contact with MGD and he stated that he has. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA then went on to say that JO SR and MGD showed up at his house one day and they were looking for a place to live. He then began telling us about the conversations that MGD and JO SR OLSON had in moving into the property and regarding to them fixing it up. The interview was continued at the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office.

JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA began by continuing telling us about he met MGD and JO SR. He mentioned they were discussing moving into a property that he owned, and they wanted to fix it up, then move into it. They indicated that they wanted to go down and have dinner. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA stated that he knew this as the Family Diner. That's why he was confused, he doesn't remember the diner as Izzy's.

JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA stated that later they did go down and have supper and talked about how MGD and JO SR had been living in a motel in Berlin and needed a place to go. They were asking JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA for a place to live and had discussed different arrangements about fixing up the place and potentially buying it from him in the future. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA stated that was the conversation at the diner, which we know as Izzy's.

JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA did state a while later he got a phone call from JASON P HOPPA who stated the two guys MGD and JO SR were moving into the house and not just fixing it up. After JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA found this out, he did eventually go over the residence and talked with JO SR. JO SR indicated that MGD had now left and went back to Oshkosh. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA mentioned he doesn't really know where he is now and that they were not getting along.

JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA then went on to say that he really doesn't know this MGD character. The only thing he can tell us about this MGD character is that about a month ago he received a phone call from MGD and MGD was asking if he wanted anything done to JAH. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA replied "no, I can't do that I am a Christian, I can't do that to anyone". JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA continued recalling the conversation indicating that MGD was fed up with Berlin and wanted to move back to Milwaukee. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA stated that is the last he heard from MGD.

JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA went on to talk about JO SR who is still living in one of the properties and is continuing to fix it up, even though there are problems with it. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA then told us that this is one of the houses that was left to him by his father. Then he went on to indicate that of course he gets the "shit" property, that his son JAH went and spoke with his father before he died and convinced him to leave JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA with all the "shit" properties and JAH gets all the best properties. He indicated that he has a lot of headaches to deal with regarding the properties that were left to him.

He then asked if he could ask us a question. Agent Fredrick told him that he could. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA asked if anyone had been hurt and he was told no. Agent Fredrick and I were both wondering why he was asking a question like that. He stated that even though he has disgruntles with his son, he wouldn't want anything to happen. He stated that he would feel pretty bad about that and again stated that he would never contract anyone or have any harm done to his son in any way, shape, or form. He stated that's not him, he was born and raised Catholic and was an altar boy.

JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA was asked why when MGD contacted him about a month ago, the conversation jumped right to talking about having something done to his son. He then stated that he knew back when it was cold out the conversation at the Family Restaurant, MGD knew what JAH was doing. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA indicated that he told MGD a little bit about the issues he was having with his son. He indicated that MGD offered contact information for an attorney that he knew in the Appleton area.

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Agent Fredrick then has him go back to the day that they met at the Family Restaurant (Izzy's). JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA indicates that it was him, MGD, JO SR, and JO SR'S girlfriend. We asked how the conversation came up about the estate. He indicated that JO SR started it asking what was going on. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA stated that this was when MGD started to learn the family dynamics of what was going on. He believed this was the only time that MGD would have been present for a conversation regarding the estate. Agent Fredrick then asked, so out of the blue several months later MGD asked if he wanted any special favors done? JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA responded that MGD asked about doing harm to this "fucking" kid of yours. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA reiterated that he couldn't do that. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA then stated on his conversation with MGD, MGD had asked him if he wanted any special favors done to his son and he indicated that he would do it for cheap. Then some point during the conversation MGD stated that he was fed up with everything here and was going to move back to Milwaukee. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA reiterated that he doesn't do things like that. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA stated that he doesn't remember the conversation that well and indicated that MGD was talking harm. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA added regarding what kind of harm, and he thought MGD was talking about. He stated he thought it was in terms of "beating the shit out of him" or "knocking him off" or "burning some houses down". JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA indicated that he believed he was talking about JAH because MGD knew that this was who was contesting the estate and MGD knew about this because they talked about it for 10 minutes at the restaurant.

Agent Fredrick then asked JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA if MGD ever offer to do a favor at the restaurant. He indicated that MGD did mention something, that if he ever needed anything that he would be the guy. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA indicated that came out of MGD'S mouth, not his. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA stated that he didn't entertain it, he doesn't do things like that. He stated that he's in the middle of contestations with this estate why would he do something like this. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA then stated that when we were at Izzy's, JAH was the only person that they had talked about for 10 minutes or so. They ate supper and they got more into talking about the residence on Liberty Street. Agent Fredrick asked what would happen to the estate if something were to happen to JAH. He indicated that right now if something were to happen to JAH that the estate would be preserve somewhere and probably go to the three boys of his. He indicated several times during the interview that it didn't make sense why he would want to do this because he is in the middle of contesting the estate. Agent Fredrick asked him how the other two kids took it that they were not in the estate. He stated that his daughter moved away because she was tired of the drama, and he seems to have a close relationship with JASON P HOPPA. He stated that he works together with JASON. He then went on to talk about JAH and how JAH kept on doing other things, like working night shift. He stated that JASON would help him out in doing things around the property, indicating that JAH was always gone when it came to physical work. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA started to become agitated in speaking about the past. He stated that he was led to believe for the last 62 years that it would be half his. Agent Fredrick then asked him why the grandfather would give half of it to JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA and the other half to JAH which was indicated that this was the original estate plan. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA stated that JAH had "baited" the grandfather up. He stated that he has talked to other people that were around his dad in his later years. He mentioned that JAH uses the three grandboys against the grandfather... He then indicated that JAH is a master manipulator, and he has tons, tons, and tons of legal paperwork on this... JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA then stated that one day JAH walked up to him when he was at the residence and handed him a check for \$300,000 and that this was the only contact, he has had. He stated that JAH was supposed to pay him a total of \$700,000.

JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA was then asked again why MGD would have called him out of the blue. He stated that maybe MGD was looking for money. He stated that he didn't know if MGD knew if he had money, even without the trust but that he did have money...

We then asked him what his response was when somebody that he barely knows offer to kill his son. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA stated that he didn't need this type of attention and he didn't want to call the cops or anything to draw attention to himself...

Agent Fredrick again asked him what he did say to MGD when MGD offered to harm his son. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA again stated that he said no that he is Christian that he can't do that and furthermore he wouldn't want nothing to happen to him, it would be stupid on his part. JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA then went on to say that this was my thought when he brought this up, let's say I owe you \$50,000 why would you hire somebody to cause harm, burn their house down or hit them with a car and cripple them or kill them before you get paid.

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We then asked JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA clarify the contact at Izzy's. He stated that they were sitting at a table by the windows at Izzy's and stated that they really didn't talk about knocking anybody off or killing anybody. He stated most of the conversation was regarding the property. He did state that it seemed that MGD was willing to do pretty much anything. He stated that he can remember a lot of the comments that MGD made but MGD scared the "shit out of him"...

Detective Hanson reports that on 12/1/22 at approximately 8:47 am, I did go back to the Green Lake County Correctional Facility to speak with JOSEPH ANTHONY HOPPA.

I asked JOESPH ANTHONY what started the conversation about the estate. He was not sure what started it but thinks it might have been JO SR. I asked who started the conversation about killing JAH and he stated that he doesn't remember a conversation about killing anyone. He then stated that MGD started the conversation but thinks it was in reference to beating somebody up, putting them in the hospital or something along those lines. MGD was the one that gave out a few of the details. I asked why MGD would say something like that and JOSEPH ANTHONY responded "he did not know" because maybe MGD wanted the house or maybe wanted to get in his good graces. I asked him how the conversation made him feel and he responded with "scared me", he didn't trust this MGD guy, he was too neatly dressed.

JOSEPH ANTHONY went on to say something along the lines that it was "to hard to get away with something like this" and "now days you either have to be stupid, uncover or working for somebody, maybe trying to bait me or set me up". JOESPH ANTHONY said he was scared that somebody was trying to set him up. He indicated that he wasn't scared for JAH or himself, he was more worried about who this MGD guy was. JOSEPH ANTHONY then stated that, "well yeah, I was scared he might do something to me". I asked him if he ever asked MGD if he could kill anyone. JOSEPH ANTHONY responded with "no" and chuckled a little bit. He then stated that I wouldn't ask that kind of a question and "you can't get away with that now days, you would have to be stupid to even try"...

I then asked him if there were any conversations about this at his place of work. JOSEPH ANTHONY was working part-time for OBY Construction. I asked if he ever said anything about his son JAH being afraid of him. He responded with "my son is afraid of me?" I then asked if it would be a surprise to him if someone at work knew JAH was afraid of his dad. He stated that I don't think they even know JAH. He then stated that I am not sure that JAH would even be afraid of me. JOSEPH ANTHONY continued stating that JAH walks around like some kind of a god, so I don't think he is afraid of anyone. He mentioned that JAH thinks he is invincible and thinks he is more superior and better than him...

I then asked him about the money, as JOSEPH ANTHONY seemed to continually be going back to the fact that he has not been paid \$400 thousand dollars. I asked him if he thought JAH had stolen the \$400 thousand dollars from him. He indicated "pretty much"...

We then went back to talk about the phone call with MGD. He told me that during the phone call with MGD, MGD asked if he still had thoughts to sell the house on Union Street or Liberty Street. JOSEPH ANTHONY indicated that he told him that he can't right now because the trust was still on going. MGD then told him "Well if you need any favors to take care of that special prick of yours, give me a call." JOSEPH ANTHONY told me that he had the impression it was definitely harm and he thought he might have mentioned a "bullet". I asked him what he thought about the conversation. JOSEPH ANTHONY stated that he was scared, the guys scared him. He then told me that he thought MGD would really do something to one of them... I asked him if he ever thought of calling the police and he stated that he did but that is kind of like an alarm system, all the attention ends up on you. He stated if I would have reported anything, I would have ended up in here...

He thought it was odd that no price, no money was mentioned and again stated that this guy scared him. He thought that MGD was serious, and he told me that he thought MGD was tougher than a "box of rocks" but thought he wasn't going to do anything like that in this world. JOSEPH ANTHONY told me that he believes JASON said in the restaurant "You aint gonna get shit" there's cameras everywhere. JOSEPH ANTHONY then told me that this MGD guys was persistent, and he then again told me that this is a set up... JOSEPH ANTHONY told me that he never asked for any special favors. I asked him if he ever asked for special favors in the future and he responded, "if I did, it would be to push him off, so he didn't turn on me".

During a search of Joseph Anthony Hoppa's residence, a handgun was recovered.

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I explained to JOSEPH ANTHONY that part of the case involved the exchange of a firearm. He responded with, "yea, I never exchanged a no firearm with nobody". I clarified and said, one was offered. He stated, "no it was not, I never offered a gun to JO SR or MGD". I asked him if JASON ever offered one and he responded with "Did Jason (unintelligible word. might be "well") there was one handgun there that was JASON'S, it did belong to JASON, but it was just there for me to use." I keep it there for protection.

JOSEPH ANTHONY then told me that MGD was not in my house and doesn't know what I have. MGD would not have known that he has a lot of firearms. I never offered a gun to MGD and it's not my gun to offer, its JASON'S gun. JOSEPH ANTHONY went on to say that the handgun was close to his computer by the couch and where he sleeps. He stated that gun is JASON'S. He told me that JASON gave it to him for protection in case someone would do something stupid, like JAH. JASON thought that just the looks of the gun sitting there would scare someone off, specifically JAH. JOSEPH ANTHONY then clarified that it was really protection from anyone. JOSEPH ANTHONY then went on to say that he certainly wouldn't give it, its JASON'S and I don't have any other handguns...

Detective Hanson reports that on 12/1/22, at approximately 10:26 am, I phone contact with SO who is the owner of OBY Construction. Both JASON and JOSEPH ANTHONY work for SO. SO told me approximately a month ago out of the blue, JOSEPH ANTHONY made a comment that was unusual. SO stated that JOSEPH ANTHONY told him that his son thinks that he is trying to kill him. SO responded maybe this was because of the will and JOSEPH ANTHONY indicated that he didn't think so and laughed it off. SO stated that this was the only conversation and thought it was unusual.

On December 1, 2022, at approximately 11:02 am, I made contact with a JO SR regarding the conversations at Izzy's. JO SR told me that they were at Izzy's to talk about property, specifically the Union Street house that he and MGD wanted to rent or move into that belongs to the Hoppa's. I asked him who was all there, and he told me that JOESPH ANTHONY, JASON, MGD were there along with JASON'S girlfriend, as well as his girlfriend. He told me that JOSEPH ANTHONY, JASON, and MGD were talking about taking care of JAH. I asked him what this meant, and he stated, "taking him off the rails". JO SR wasn't sure how this all started but he was aware JOSEPH ANTHONY and JASON were having problems with JAH.

JO SR told me that he could not remember specifics and he did not want to be involved in this conversation. He mentioned that he remembered that they had talked about taking care of JAH. He thought the conversation lasted approximately 10 to 15 minutes and there was a lot of veiled conversation or terminology. JO SR stated that he wasn't really paying attention and again reiterated that he did not want to be a part of this type of talk.

I asked JO SR if JOSEPH ANTHONY and JASON had entertained the conversation and he stated "yeah". He told me they kept it quiet, and he could barely hear them, they were whispering back and forth... JO SR did tell me that he didn't think JOSEPH ANTHONY would follow through with it. I asked him why JOSEPH ANTHONY would entertain this type of conversation and JO SR indicated that he thought JOSEPH ANTHONY was entertaining this conversation because of anger over the estate.

Detective Sgt. Ward reports that on 11/30/22 at approximately 8:00 am, a search warrant was executed at N3452 STH 49, Town of Poy Sippi, Waushara County, WI... A male individual that was later identified as JASON P HOPPA, came to the door and asked what was going on. After reading the Miranda Rights to HOPPA, I asked if he wished to speak to me at this time and he stated that he would, as he wanted to know what was going on. I explained to HOPPA that we had a search warrant for his residence, as we are investigating a case involving a murder for hire.

When I started the questioning with HOPPA, I advised him that we were investigating a murder for hire case and he stated, "this is total bullshit". I asked him if he had ever met anybody at a restaurant and he stated that he has not in reference to the murder for hire case. I then went on further asking if he had met anybody else a couple of weeks ago and asked if he wanted his brother dead. HOPPA stated that he did not. I then asked him if his dad had arranged anything and he stated, "I doubt it". HOPPA did state that him and his dad were upset but not trying to get him killed, referring to his brother. I then asked him how the estate worked, and he stated that they were upset as his brother manipulated his grandfather into getting everything from the estate...

Search of the residence did take place and at the time of this report, and one of the items located was a Beretta Grandone VT that had the serial numbers ground off and it was a .22 caliber black handgun that was in the upstairs bedroom of the  
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residence of N3452 STH 49... Also located in the upstairs bedroom of the residence was a New England firearm 20-  
gauge shotgun that was sawed off and modified.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 12/12/22

Electronically Signed By:

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Chief Deputy Matthew L. Vande Kolk

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Complainant

District Attorney

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