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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY**STATE OF WISCONSIN**

Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2023ML019887

Court Case No.:

vs.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINTPINKIN, WILLIAM HENRY
2875 NORTH 20TH STREET
MILWAUKEE, WI 53206
DOB: 02/07/1967**Defendant(s).***For Official Use*

THE BELOW NAMED COMPLAINANT BEING DULY SWORN, ON INFORMATION AND BELIEF STATES THAT:

Count 1: FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE

The above-named defendant on or about Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 4295 North Teutonia Avenue, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of ILA, another human being, with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a), 939.50(3)(a) Wis. Stats.

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

Probable Cause:

I am a City of Milwaukee law enforcement officer and base this complaint on my own investigation, on the reports of fellow officers, and on my review of surveillance videos.

On August 16, 2023, shortly after 6:15 AM, police were sent to the gas station/convenience store at 4295 N. Teutonia Ave., Milwaukee, regarding a shooting. Upon arrival they found the victim, ILA, bleeding from the head and lying unconscious on the pavement just outside the door to the store. Lifesaving measures were attempted, first by the responding police and then by fire department personnel, but those measures were unsuccessful and ILA was pronounced deceased on the scene.

ILA's body was transported to the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner. Dr. Brian Linert performed an autopsy and found a gunshot wound to the head, with the bullet entering the back of the head on the left side and exiting the head at the right temple. He concluded that the gunshot wound was the cause of death and the manner of death was homicide.

Police obtained footage from video cameras at the gas station that show areas both inside and outside the store. The videos show that a person who appears to be working store security is seated in a chair in an aisle at the rear of the store. ILA enters the door and grabs a box of Little Debbie snack cakes from a shelf just inside the door. ILA then immediately turns and heads back out the door with the box. The security person rises from his chair as soon as ILA enters the store and moves toward him, producing a handgun. He rushes towards and follows ILA out the door, gets within a little more than arm's length behind him, holds up the gun, and shoots towards the back of ILA's head. ILA immediately falls and never moves again. The shooter stands over ILA for a moment, then goes back into the store. The shooter remains on scene after police have arrived, milling around calmly and at one point standing outside the door smoking a cigarette. He tells the responding officers (who have not

yet seen the video) that he works at the store, but he says he did not see the shooting. Eventually he leaves.

The videos of the shooting provide clear views of the shooter's face.

In the recent past, on June 22, 2023, police were called to a robbery complaint at the same store. The responding officers spoke to the defendant, who told them that he works at the store and had witnessed the robbery. He provided the officers his name and other identifying information, identifying himself as the defendant, William Pinkin. The officers were wearing body cameras which provide clear views of the man's face.

The investigating detectives compared a recent booking photo of the defendant to the video footage of the shooter in the 8/15/23 homicide and to the bodycam footage of William Pinkins from the 6/22/23 robbery complaint. In all three instances it appears to be the exact same man.

Police showed the defendant's booking photo to the owner of the gas station/convenience store. The owner, who was not present at the shooting, recognized the man in the booking photo as "Junior," a man from the neighborhood who did work for the store.

****End of Complaint****

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Criminal Complaint prepared by Michael J. Lonski.
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on 08/18/23

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Detective Cedric McFadden

Complainant