

State of Wisconsin

Circuit Court

Grant County

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2012GT001905
Assigned DA/ADA: Lisa A. Riniker
Agency Case No.: 12-1056
Court Case No.: 2012CF000333
ATN:

-VS-

Chris Thomas Erickson
318 N. Mill St.
Wauzeka, WI 53826
DOB: 03/30/1971
Sex/Race: M/W
Eye Color: Hazel
Hair Color: Bald
Height: 5 ft 8 in
Weight: 200 lbs
Alias:

Criminal Complaint

Defendant,

Daniel Merwin, of the Boscobel Police Department, being first duly sworn, states that:

Count 1: STALKING

The above-named defendant July 2012 and November 2012, in the City of Boscobel, Grant County, Wisconsin, did intentionally engage in a course of conduct directed at a specific person to wit: Natalie B. Beeman that caused that person and that would cause a reasonable person under the same circumstances to suffer serious emotional distress or to fear bodily injury or death to themselves or to a member of their family or household and where the defendant knew or should have known that at least one of the acts that constituted the course of conduct caused Natalie B. Beeman to suffer serious emotional distress or placed Natalie B. Beeman in reasonable fear of bodily injury or death to themselves or a member of their family or household and where the defendant's acts caused Natalie B. Beeman to suffer serious emotional distress or induced fear in Natalie B. Beeman of bodily injury or death to themselves or a member of their family of household, contrary to sec. 940.32(2) Wis. Stats., a Class I Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than three (3) years and six (6) months, or both.

Count 2: FELONY BAIL JUMPING

The above-named defendant July 2012 and November 2012, in the City of Boscobel, Grant County, Wisconsin, having been charged with a felony and having been released from custody under Chapter 969 Wis. Stats., did intentionally fail to comply with the terms of his bond the defendant committed another crime, contrary to sec. 946.49(1)(b) Wis. Stats., a Class H Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than six (6) years, or both.

Count 3: FELONY BAIL JUMPING

The above-named defendant October 3, 2012 and October 25, 2012, Grant County, Wisconsin, having been charged with a felony and having been released from custody under Chapter 969 Wis. Stats., did intentionally fail to comply with the terms of his bond the defendant committed another crime, contrary to sec. 946.49(1)(b) Wis. Stats., a Class H Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than six (6) years, or both.

PROBABLE CAUSE:

Complainant is a police officer for the City of Boscobel Police Department. Complainant observed records from the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access Program which shows State of Wisconsin vs. Andrea E. Swanson, now known as Andrea E. Dahlberg in Crawford County Case No. 12CF2006 which indicates that on October 2, 2012, there was a Judgment of Conviction wherein the defendant received six months conditional jail time in the Crawford County Jail. Complainant traveled to the Crawford County Jail on October 5, 2012, and met with Andrea Dahlberg who indicated that Christopher Erickson, the defendant in this criminal complaint, asked her to ask her husband, Vince Dahlberg, to say that a trac phone had been given to him by Carmen Lee so that Carmen Lee could talk to him. Complainant was informed by Andrea Dahlberg that the defendant asked her to ask Vince Dahlberg to provide a notarized statement reflecting the same. Complainant knows that the subject trac phone relates to an arson investigation related to the defendant and Carmen Lee, and that the trac phone is a phone which Carmen Lee indicates she used to communicate with the defendant the evening the fire was set in the City of Boscobel.

Complainant observed written statement prepared by Natalie Beeman, formerly known as Natalie Erickson, who complainant knows was previously married to the defendant. Complainant observed the statement was dated November 19, 2012. Complainant observed that the statement indicated that for the past four to five months, the defendant has been driving past her apartment four to five times a week, sometimes multiple times a day. Complainant observed from the statement that Natalie Beeman indicated that the defendant drives past the parking lot on East Prairie Street, turns right on Park Street, then makes a u-turn in the middle of the street, and will sometimes drive past the parking lot again. Complainant is informed by Natalie Beeman's statement that she has observed that the defendant is the driver of the vehicle, and that she has also been close enough to him to see his face on numerous occasions. Complainant is informed by the statement of Natalie Beeman that she is terrified to go to sleep at night and she is always looking around to make sure he is not following her, and that she feels scared and helpless, and that she is greatly afraid for her safety and her son's safety on a daily basis.

Complainant observed statement prepared by Jessica Waddell dated November 27, 2012, which indicates that she has also seen the defendant drive by Natalie Beeman's apartment multiple times in the past three months, wherein in drives down East Prairie Street past the parking lot and makes a u-turn on Park Street, and goes back past her apartment parking lot, and turns onto Wisconsin Avenue so that he is in view of Natalie's back yard and door. Complainant re-interviewed Jessica Waddell at which time she indicated that she has

observed the defendant park on Wisconsin Avenue so that he has a clear view of Natalie Beeman's apartment.

Complainant observed Grant County Case No. 12CF49A in which the defendant is charged with arson of a building without the owner's consent as a party to a crime in violation of Section 943.02(1)(a), and 939.05, a Class C Felony. Complainant observed the Bail/Bond signed by the defendant on 12-13-2012, in which one of the conditions of release was that he was not to have any contact with Natalie Erickson, now known as Natalie Beeman, and that he will not commit any additional crimes.

Complainant observed Minutes from Grant County Case No. 12CF49A which indicates that during July through November, 2012, the case was still pending, and that the terms of the bond were still in effect.

Complainant observed printouts from the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access Program which show State of Wisconsin vs. Andrea E. Swanson, now known as Andrew Dahlberg, with Crawford County Case No. 2012CF6, which the defendant was convicted on October 2, 2012, of possession of narcotic drugs in which the defendant was placed on probation for three years, but received six months conditional jail time in the Crawford County Jail. On October 25, 2012, complainant went to the Crawford County Jail to interview Andrea Dahlberg at which time she indicated that the defendant had come to the Crawford County Jail between October 2, 2012, and October 25, 2012, and asked her to have her husband, Vince Dahlberg, to prepared a notarized statement indicated that Carmen Lee gave him a trac phone so that he and Carmen Lee could communicate. Complainant was informed by Andrea Dahlberg that the defendant also asked her to ask Vince Dahlberg to lie to DCI agents during their investigation. Complainant knows that the trac phone at issue relates to an arson occurring on January 19, 2012, in the City of Boscobel, which Carmen Lee indicates she used to communicate with Chris Erickson before, during, and after the setting of the fire. Complainant believes that such requests made by Christopher Erickson to Andrea Dahlberg would result in solicitation to commit false swearing in violation of Section 946.32(2). Complainant states that he believes the information from Andrea Dahlberg to be truthful and reliable based upon her status as a witness.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
and approved for filing on:

/s/ Daniel Merwin

This 18th day of December, 2012.

/s/ Lisa A. Riniker

Daniel Merwin, Complainant

Lisa A. Riniker
District Attorney

State Bar No. 1036164

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