

STATE OF WISCONSIN      CIRCUIT COURT      SAWYER COUNTY

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STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiff,

Ref. Agency: Sawyer County Sheriff  
Agency Case No.: 17110801  
Case No. 18-CF-

v.

JERRY W. TRUE  
3903 North County Highway H  
Radisson, Wisconsin 54867-7018  
D.O.B. 10/19/1972  
Sex/Race: M/W  
Eye color: Hazel  
Hair color: Brown  
Height: 6 ft.  
Weight: 235 lbs.,

Defendant.

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**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

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Complainant, Detective Bryan Deyo, Sawyer County Sheriff's Office, being duly sworn on oath, and based upon information and belief, states as follows:

**COUNT 1: THREATS TO A JUDGE**

The above named Defendant on or about November 7, 2017, in the City of Hayward, Sawyer County, Wisconsin, intentionally threatened to cause bodily harm to the person of the Honorable John M. Yackel, a judge, where, at the time of the threat, the Defendant knew or should have known that the Honorable John M. Yackel was a judge and the threat was in response to any action taken by Judge Yackel in his official

capacity, and Judge Yackel did not consent to being threatened, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 940.203(2), a Class H felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) years or both.

Further, invoking the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 939.62(1)(b), because the Defendant was convicted on October 11, 2016, of the felony crime of Sex Offender Registry Violation, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 301.45(4)(a), the maximum term of imprisonment may be increased by not more than four (4) years.

#### **COUNT 2: THEATS TO FAMILY OF JUDGE**

The above named Defendant on or about November 7, 2017, in the City of Hayward, Sawyer County, Wisconsin, intentionally threatened to cause bodily harm to the family of the Honorable John M. Yackel, a judge, where, at the time of the threat, the Defendant knew or should have known that the Honorable John M. Yackel was a judge and the threat was in response to any action taken by Judge Yackel in his official capacity and there was no consent by the person threatened, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 940.203(2), a Class H felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) or imprisoned for not more than 6 (six) years or both.

Further, invoking the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 939.62(1)(b), because the Defendant was convicted on October 11, 2016, of the felony crime of Sex Offender Registry Violation, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 301.45(4)(a), the maximum term of imprisonment may be increased by not more than four (4) years.

### **COUNT 3: THREATS TO A PROSECUTOR**

The above named Defendant on or about November 7, 2017, in the City of Hayward, Sawyer County, Wisconsin, intentionally threatened to cause bodily harm to the person of the Honorable Bruce Poquette, District Attorney of Sawyer County, a prosecutor, where, at the time of the threat, the Defendant knew or should have known that the Honorable Bruce Poquette was the district attorney, a prosecutor, and the threat was in response to any action taken by District Attorney Poquette in his official capacity, and the district attorney did not consent to being threatened, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 940.203(2), a Class H felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) or imprisoned for not more than six (6) years or both.

Further, invoking the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 939.62(1)(b), because the Defendant was convicted on October 11, 2016, of the felony crime of Sex Offender Registry Violation, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 301.45(4)(a), the maximum term of imprisonment may be increased by not more than four (4) years.

### **COUNT 4: THREATS TO A PROSECUTOR**

The above named Defendant on or about November 7, 2017, in the City of Hayward, Sawyer County, Wisconsin, intentionally threatened to cause bodily harm to the person of Aaron Marcoux, Assistant District Attorney of Sawyer County, a prosecutor, where, at the time of the threat, the Defendant knew or should have known that Aaron Marcoux was an assistant district attorney, a prosecutor, and the threat was in response to any action taken by Assistant District Attorney Marcoux in his official capacity, and Assistant District Attorney Marcoux did not consent to being threatened,

contrary to Wis. Stat. § 940.203(2), a Class H felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) or imprisoned for not more than 6 (six) years or both.

Further, invoking the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 939.62(1)(b), because the Defendant was convicted on October 11, 2016, of the felony crime of Sex Offender Registry Violation, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 301.45(4)(a), the maximum term of imprisonment may be increased by not more than four (4) years.

### FACTS

Records made and kept in the regular course of the business of the Sawyer County Circuit Court, in Hayward, Sawyer County, Wisconsin, reflect that on November 9, 2015, the Defendant herein, Jerry Wayne True, was charged in Sawyer County Circuit Court Case No. 15-CM-420 with Computer Message-Threatening/Injury or Harm, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 947.0125(2)(a) for texting to his ex-wife, "Also im going to have your child taken away. If i get to hayward one day im going to kill Ralph [the person she was with] no question asked im walking up and cutting his throat and blow up his truck." The Honorable John M. Yackel, Judge of the Circuit Court of Sawyer County, was assigned to preside. On November 17, 2015, the Defendant made his initial appearance in open court on the record before Judge Yackel at which time the State was represented in person by Assistant Sawyer County District Attorney Aaron Marcoux. On January 5, 2016, the Defendant entered his plea of guilty to the charge in open court in person at which time the State was represented in person by Sawyer County District Attorney Bruce Poquette.

Further records made and kept in the regular course of the business of the Sawyer County Circuit Court, in Hayward, Sawyer County, Wisconsin, reflect that on October 11, 2016, the Defendant made his initial appearance in Sawyer County Circuit Court, before Judge Yackel, in Sawyer County Case No. 16-CF-174 wherein the Defendant was charged with Sex Offender-Fail/Update Information, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 301.45(4)(a), and Sawyer County Case No. 16-CM-328 wherein the Defendant was charged with Computer Message-Threaten/Injury or Harm, contrary to Wis. Stat. § 947.0125(2). The Defendant posted on the Sawyer County Sheriff's K-9 Facebook page threats to hurt the Sawyer County Sheriff's police dog; he posted on his public Facebook page, under a name he had not disclosed to the sex offender registry as required, "So fuck Sawyer county police department and law enforcement and the Wisconsin drug task force. come fuck with me I will put you in the ground my property is my place not back off or pay the price;" he also posted on his Facebook page that a person taken into custody during a narcotics raid was, "first on my list to die." District Attorney Poquette appeared in person for the State. Before Judge Yackel the defendant waived preliminary hearing, was served with the Information in the felony case, and entered pleas of guilty to the charges in both cases. Judge Yackel adopted the parties' agreement and placed the Defendant on probation for three (3) years with conditions in the felony case, and imposed 52 days' time served on the misdemeanor case.

On or about between July 19 and 21, 2017, Department of Corrections Division of Community Corrections Agent Katie Garrett, the Defendant's probation agent for his time on probation, initiated an investigation into possible violations of his rules of

supervision. It was originally a condition of the Defendant's probation that he not have internet access, consistent with the rules governing him as a registered sex offender, but Agent Garrett later permitted it for the limited purpose of ordering parts and owner's manuals for the mowers and snow blowers he repaired to earn money. And yet the Defendant was then exchanging Facebook messages with women in a Facebook group for single mothers in which he used racial slurs, told one mother to kill herself, told another he would make her into bar-b-que and stew and that he had no problem killing people, because he "doesn't care." He told a mother that he would find her via her IP address on her computer, and would hunt down her and her family. After the Defendant was taken into custody, Agent Garrett met with him face-to-face in the Sawyer County jail to get his side of the story. He confirmed being on the internet, on Facebook, and making the threats. He remained in custody. While in jail awaiting revocation, the Defendant threatened to punch another inmate, and to kill a different inmate. On September 29, 2017, the Defendant signed his waiver of final revocation, admitting he did not contest the above allegations, which formed some of the bases for his revocation, and Agent Garrett, with the signed approval of her supervisor, Jeff Schley, forwarded the matter on to the Court for sentencing after revocation.

The Court docketed the revocation order and warrant in case no. 16-CF-174 on October 2, 2017, and the parties received notice of a sentencing hearing to be held on October 16, 2017. Defense counsel requested a change of that date and the matter was rescheduled to October 31, 2017, and the parties were sent notice. On November 1, 2017, the Court sent notice that the sentencing hearing had been moved to November 7, 2017,

and on November 7, 2017, the Court sent notice that the hearing had been rescheduled to November 20, 2017.

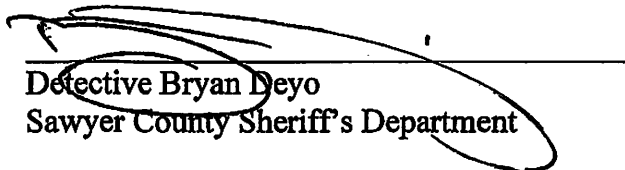
On November 7, 2017, Sawyer County jail staff on duty that night intercepted a letter the Defendant has written addressed to Lorna Gauthier. Jail administrator, Lt. Sajdera, read the letter and forwarded it on to Detective Bryan Deyo of the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department because of its content. In the letter, the Defendant wrote, "Judge Yackel and the D.A. and the Sawyer County Jail and Probation and Parole. They keep moving my sentencing date back now So I wait. Well they are sending me to prison for 2 years so I guess God is not so good as you all think so now I can go to prison then I will come out and hunt down Judge Yackel and Poquette and Marcoux and Katie Garrett and Jeff Shley. They ruined my life I'm taking theirs. I guess the Judge and DA is Racist and I am going to Blow up the Courthouse and the Jail. I am also going to Blow up the Dept. of Correct to. They want to give me 2 years they better give me life in Prison without parole. I am also going to Re-offend again and I have a List of who I'm going to do first. Judge Yackel's family first then others. I plan on not coming home anytime soon."

Detective Deyo compared the signature on the letter to the signature on the Defendant's jail rules receipt made and kept in the regular course of the business of the Sawyer County Jail and found it appeared to be the same. Detective Deyo also listened to recordings of calls by the Defendant from the jail made and kept in the regular course of the business of the Sawyer County Jail and found that in two calls on November 21 and one on November 22, 2017, the Defendant acknowledged to the person he was calling

that he had written a letter containing such threats and that, he said, "All I was doing was expressing my feelings . . ." The Defendant never wrote or said that any of the persons he threatened to kill consented to be so threatened.

This Complaint is based on the information, belief, and personal investigation of Sawyer County Detective Bryan Deyo, complainant herein, as well as upon records made and kept in the regular course of the business of the Sawyer County Circuit Court, the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department and Jail, and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections Division of Community Corrections, which records law enforcement regularly relies upon to be truthful, accurate, and reliable.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

  
Detective Bryan Deyo  
Sawyer County Sheriff's Department

Subscribed and sworn to before me and  
Approved for filing this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018



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