

STATE OF WISCONSIN**CIRCUIT COURT****SHEBOYGAN COUNTY**

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CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

-vs-

Charles L Chew
6749 S Jeffrey Avenue
Chicago, IL 60649
DOB: 07/25/1985
Sex/Race: M/B
Alias:

DA Case No.: 2012SB003804
Assigned DA/ADA: Joe DeCecco
Agency Case No.: F12-03930
Court Case No.: 2012CF

Defendant.

Deputy Chief Steven Ross, Sheboygan Falls Police Department, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says on information and belief:

Count 1: SECOND DEGREE RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING SAFETY, USE OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON

The above-named defendant on Monday, November 05, 2012, in the City of Sheboygan Falls, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, did recklessly endanger the safety of another, contrary to sec. 941.30(2), 939.50(3)(g), 939.63(1)(b) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, **a Class G Felony, the defendant may be fined not more than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or imprisoned not more than ten (10) years, or both.**

And further, invoking the provisions of sec. 939.63(1)(b) Wis. Stats., **because the defendant committed this offense while using a dangerous weapon, the maximum term of imprisonment for the felony may be increased by not more than 5 years.**

The basis of complainant's charge of such offense is: Official reports prepared by Officer Eric Freville of the Sheboygan Falls Police Department, as well as other law enforcement officers' reports as specified below. Said reports indicate that on November 5, 2012 at about 6:10 a.m., Officer Freville and other officers of the Sheboygan Falls and Kohler Police Departments and deputies of the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department were dispatched to 190 Rangeline Road in the City of Sheboygan Falls upon report of shots fired at that apartment complex.

Upon arrival, Officer Freville and other officers stopped a silver-colored SUV just exiting the complex's parking lot as it was similar in description to the 911 caller's description. Contact was made with three persons in the SUV who were subsequently identified as Cheryl L. McCranie, DOB 6/19/91; Andraius M. Lucas, DOB 7/7/93; and Andrew L. Lee Jr., DOB 6/14/93. A person was observed approaching police and the vehicle, carrying what looked like a tire jack metal rod about one foot in length, and who was subsequently identified as Charles L. Chew, DOB 7/25/85. All four subjects were secured in handcuffs.

Lucas and Lee complained of being shot in the leg, with Officer Freville observing what appeared to be entrance and exit bullet wounds in their respective legs. First Responders and Paramedics were dispatched but kept out of the immediate area until police were able to sweep and secure the grounds and Apartment 1 of the complex where Chew resided and where most of the incident took place, at which point all three males were transported separately to two area hospitals.

Chew was observed to have what appeared to be fresh lacerations to his bloody face, as well as a large "bump" or swollen area to the right side of his forehead. Officer Freville subsequently contacted Chew at St. Nicholas Hospital where Chew was being treated for his injuries and was to undergo diagnostic testing of rib and chest X-rays and a head CT Scan. Chew was subsequently discharged with a broken nose and lacerations.

Chew stated he lived with Cheryl McCranie at the Apartment 1, 190 Rangeline Road address, but that she had left the apartment the previous Thursday after an argument. Chew stated he was notified by a mutual friend of his and Cheryl's that she would be stopping by the apartment early the morning of November 5th, which she did. Chew stated he let Cheryl into the apartment, locking the door behind her. After Cheryl received several cell phone calls, she opened the apartment door and Chew stated he saw two males wearing bandanas over their faces and when Chew tried to shut the door on them, they forced their way into the apartment and one of them struck him in the face with an unknown object, causing Chew pain. Chew stated he ran into the apartment's bedroom with both men chasing and punching him until he was tripped by one of them at which point both men began kicking him in his ribs and head. Chew stated he managed to grab one of the men around the waist and felt an object in the male's waistband which turned out to be a handgun. Chew stated he fired in the direction of the men who ran from the apartment. Chew stated he ran after them and dropped the gun by the apartment door. He stated Cheryl also ran out first picking up the gun.

Cheryl McCranie confirmed she had recently lived with Chew but left the apartment several days before the shooting incident because Chew had beaten and choked her, although she had not reported that incident to police. She stated she went back to the apartment that morning to pick up her clothing as Chew had refused to leave the apartment which was in her name. Cheryl stated she asked Lucas and Lee to accompany her because of past issues of violence with Chew.

Cheryl stated Lucas and Lee waited outside the apartment in the hallway when she entered. She stated Chew became upset when she admitted she had a new boyfriend (Andrew Lee) and they both yelled back and forth at each other, but there was no physical contact between them until Cheryl was about to leave when Chew grabbed her arm, telling her she wasn't going and began to drag her into the bedroom at which point Lucas and Lee entered, grabbing her and Chew. Cheryl stated the men began fighting at which point she left, getting into her father's vehicle, a 2002 Durango SUV, which she was using at the time. She stated she drove in the area and saw Lucas and Lee apparently hiding separately on the apartment grounds. She picked them both up and was preparing to leave the area when police arrived and stopped her.

Lee and Lucas were separately interviewed as they received initial treatment/evaluation for their gunshot wounds at Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center. Lee stated that he, Cheryl and Lucas went to the apartment so Cheryl could get her clothes, as well as the clothes of her children. Lee stated Cheryl wanted them there in case Chew became violent with her. Lee stated he and Lucas waited in the hallway and could hear what was going on in the apartment and could see into the apartment to some degree as a shade or blind was partially raised.

Lee stated he heard the argument and could see Chew grab Cheryl telling her she wasn't leaving, at which point both he and Lee entered the apartment. Lee stated Chew ran toward another room with Lee and Lucas chasing him. Lee stated he tripped into Chew, causing both men to fall to the floor, and that Lucas jumped over Lee onto Chew at which point those two men began punching each other. Lee stated he then began fighting with Chew and that Chew suddenly produced a handgun and shot at Lee and Lucas. Lee stated he and Lucas ran out of the apartment with Chew chasing them with the gun. Once outside, Lee stated he heard more gunshots as Chew fired from the complex's front door at Lee. Lee stated he was able to find cover and hide until Cheryl picked him up. When asked about he and Lucas wearing "bandanas" over their faces, Lee stated they did not. In fact, subsequent police reports indicate that despite a search of

the men's clothing, the apartment and common hall areas, the grounds of the complex and the SUV and a 1989 Caprice sedan registered to Cheryl, no bandanas or other similar handkerchief-like material was located. Lee also stated that neither he nor Lucas had a firearm.

Lucas gave the same account as Lee as to the reason the trio went to the apartment. Both entered the apartment concerned with Cheryl's safety given what they had seen and heard. In the apartment, Lucas stated he observed Chew and Lee throwing punches at each other, with Lucas trying to separate the two. Lucas admitted he probably punched Chew as well as Lucas' fist was swollen. Lucas stated he saw Chew run toward another room with Lucas and Lee following Chew. Lucas stated the three entered a bedroom at which point Lucas saw Lee and Chew punching each other. Lucas stated Chew suddenly produced a handgun firing at Lucas and Lee with Lucas getting shot in his leg. Lucas stated he and Lee ran from the apartment out onto the complex's grounds with Chew following and continuing to fire at them. Lucas stated he was able to get behind a dumpster and was eventually picked up by Cheryl.

In a canvass of the complex, Officer LaPean made contact with Justin Davis, DOB 11/16/92, who stated he resided in Apartment 3 at 190 Rangeline Road, which apartment is located directly above apartment 1. Justin stated he heard the argument in Apartment 1 and when he exited his apartment to see what was happening, he saw Chew standing just inside the complex's main door firing four or five shots out that door.

Said reports indicate search warrants were obtained and executed on Apartment 1, the common halls and staircases of the complex, the complex's outside grounds including the parking lot, the 2002 SUV and the 1989 sedan. In the bushes on the outside complex grounds, Officer Schmelter seized a semi-automatic handgun loaded with 7.65 mm bullets. Spent casings matching that ammunition were located in the front of the complex and parking lot area. Three spent casings were located in Apartment 1, as well as blood presumably belonging to one of the three men. Apparent bullet fragments were located on the 1989 sedan and will be retrieved, and samples of suspected blood from Lee or Lucas were found on the exterior of the 2002 SUV.

The serial number of the seized handgun was provided to ATF Special Agent Sandy Devalkenalie of the Milwaukee County office. Special Agent Devalkenalie subsequently informed Officer Schmelter that ATF

records preliminarily indicated this handgun was reported stolen during a home invasion in Illinois.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 6th day of November, 2012
and approved for filing:

Assistant District Attorney
Sheboygan County, Wisconsin

Complainant