

**STATE OF WISCONSIN      CIRCUIT COURT      COUNTY OF MARATHON**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

DA Case No: 2013MA001322

Plaintiff,

Court Case No: *13CF316*

-vs-

Fredrick A. Morris  
621 McClellan Street  
Wausau, WI 54403  
DOB: 07/24/1992

*Lincoln Co. Jail*

Defendant,

**Criminal Complaint**

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COUNTY OF MARATHON )

Complainant, on information and belief, being first duly sworn on oath states that:

**Count 1: BATTERY – GREAT BODILY HARM, REPEATER**

The above-named defendant on or about Wednesday, March 27, 2013, in the City of Wausau, Marathon County, Wisconsin, did cause great bodily harm to Julie Christiansen, by an act done with intent to cause bodily harm to that person, contrary to sec. 940.19(4), 939.50(3)(h), 939.62(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.

And further, invoking the provisions of sec. 939.62(1)(b) Wis. Stats., because the defendant is a repeater, having been convicted of at least a felony during the five year period immediately preceding the commission of this offense, to-wit: Prisoner Throw/Expel Bodily Substances in Eau Claire County Case Number 2011CF000046, which conviction remains of record and unreversed, the maximum term of imprisonment for the underlying crime may be increased by not more than 4 years.

**Count 2: BATTERY BY PRISONERS, REPEATER**

The above-named defendant on or about Wednesday, March 27, 2013, in the City of Wausau, Marathon County, Wisconsin, while being a prisoner confined to the Marathon County Jail, did intentionally cause bodily harm to Julie Christiansen, an officer at the institution, without that person's consent, contrary to sec. 940.20(1), 939.50(3)(h), 939.62(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.

And further, invoking the provisions of sec. 939.62(1)(b) Wis. Stats., because the defendant is a repeater, having been convicted of at least a felony during the five year period immediately preceding the commission of this offense, to-wit: Prisoner Throw/Expel Bodily Substances in Eau Claire County Case Number 2011CF000046, which conviction remains of record and unreversed, the maximum term of imprisonment for the underlying crime may be increased by not more than 4 years.

**Count 3: BATTERY BY PRISONERS, REPEATER**

The above-named defendant on or about Wednesday, March 27, 2013, in the City of Wausau, Marathon County, Wisconsin, while being a prisoner confined to the Marathon County Jail, did intentionally cause bodily harm to Denney Woodward, an officer at the institution, without that person's consent, contrary to sec. 940.20(1), 939.50(3)(h), 939.62(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.

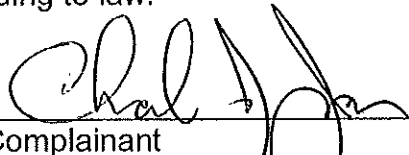
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Complainant is a law enforcement officer in Marathon County and bases this complaint upon the attached law enforcement reports which your complainant believes are reliable in that they are made by the officers in the routine and ordinary course of the officer's official duties.


Your complainant believes the statements contained within said reports are reliable for the following reasons: They are made by victims and/or witnesses to criminal activity, insofar as it is based upon personal observations and knowledge. They are made by the defendant contrary to penal interests.

Also attached hereto are records of the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access Program (CCAP) which show: Criminal conviction(s) of the defendant and the existence of pending charges for which the defendant was not released on bail during the date charged herein. Your complainant believes the information contained within these records to be reliable in that they are documents made and kept by CCAP in the routine and ordinary course of the official duties of that program.

and prays that the defendant be dealt with according to law.

  
Complainant

Subscribed and sworn to before me,  
and approved for filing on this:  
April 18, 2013.

  
District Attorney  
State Bar No. 1012556  
Marathon County, Wisconsin

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On Wednesday, 03/27/2013, DCI Special Agent Jeremy R. Buss was contacted by DCI Special Agent in Charge Cynthia K. Giese regarding an assault against two (2) Corrections Officers which had taken place inside the Marathon County Jail. S/A Buss was to respond to the Marathon County Jail, located at 500 Forest Street, Wausau, Marathon County, Wisconsin, and meet with Detective Lieutenant Gregory Bean who would provide additional information. DCI Special Agents Ronald W. Glaman, Bradley T. Kust, Loreen C. Glaman and Nicholas B. Pendergast, along with SAIC Giese, were responding to the Marathon County Jail to assist.

At approximately 1:24 p.m., S/A Buss met with Detective Lieutenant Bean inside the Marathon County Jail. S/A Buss was advised two (2) Marathon County Corrections Officers, Julie A. Christensen and Denney G. Woodward, had been assaulted by at least one inmate while inside "C Block". The inmate believed to be responsible for the assaults had been identified as FREDRICK A. MORRIS; however it was unknown if additional inmates had been involved until the video recordings of the incident were reviewed.

It was decided Detectives from the Marathon County Sheriff's Department would conduct the examination of "C Block" and search of MORRIS' cell (06) in order to collect any evidence while Special Agents from the Division of Criminal Investigation and Detectives from the Wausau Police Department, including Detectives Jeffrey Strobach, Nathan Cihlar, Kay Hansen and John Kindlarski, would conduct interviews of MORRIS and the other inmates housed in "C Block". Evidence located would be kept by the Marathon County Sheriff's Department.

While S/A Buss was in the jail members of the Marathon County Sheriff's Department removed MORRIS and his cell mate, DOMINICK D. WEST, from "C Block" and placed them into receiving cells.

When S/A Glaman arrived S/As Buss and Glaman entered "C Block" and were able to observe the location of the assault.

S/As Buss and Glaman reviewed the video recording of the assault while inside the jail. A short time prior to the assault S/A Buss observed MORRIS standing near the middle of the common area of "C Block", Corrections Officer Christensen holding MORRIS' cell door open, Corrections Officer Woodward, on the south side of a table, to the south and east of MORRIS, Corrections Officer Wendy M. McCarthy to the south of MORRIS and Corrections Officer Cheryl L. Kuehn to the east of Corrections Officer Woodward and south of the staircase leading to the upper level of "C Block". Another inmate, believed to be MAURICE T. VISOR, was observed at the foot of the staircase.

MORRIS is observed looking in the direction of Corrections Officer Woodward and Corrections Officer Christensen is observed walking away from MORRIS' cell door and towards MORRIS. As the Corrections Officers begin moving towards MORRIS he moves from the center of the common area of the cell block towards the staircase area. As MORRIS nears the staircase he

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turns towards the Corrections Officers and moves into a "fighting stance", where he spreads his feet apart, flexes his knees lowering his center of gravity, brings both of his hands up in a defensive position, and moves backwards until he is almost directly south of the staircase. VISOR is observed standing near the north end of the opening of the staircase. As the Corrections Officers move toward MORRIS Corrections Officer Christensen is the first one to approach him and MORRIS throws a right handed punch, which strikes the left side of Corrections Officer Christensen's face/head. Corrections Officer Christensen's head is observed moving backwards and to the right, she immediately goes limp and begins to fall to her right and backward. Corrections Officer Christensen falls into Corrections Officer Woodward and then continues her fall to the floor where it appears her head strikes the floor. When Corrections Officer Christensen strikes the floor Corrections Officer McCarthy immediately moves to her side while Corrections Officer Woodward continues to pursue MORRIS. Corrections Officers Woodward and Kuehn appear to attempt to spray MORRIS with their Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray while attempting to gain control of MORRIS. MORRIS is observed striking Corrections Officer Woodward several times as they move around the common area of "C Block". Approximately forty (40) seconds after MORRIS threw the first punch he ran to his cell and closed the door behind him. Corrections Officer Woodward moved to MORRIS' cell door and appeared to confirm the door was locked.

As soon as MORRIS strikes Corrections Officer Christensen VISOR is observed moving up the staircase.

S/A Buss was provided with a copy of the video recordings taken from two (2) cameras inside "C Block".

Based on the observations made during the review of the video recording it is believed MORRIS was the only individual responsible for the injuries received by Corrections Officers Christensen and Woodward.

Comments/Recommendations:

Based on the information received it is recommended this investigation be opened to investigate MORRIS' involvement with the substantial battery of Corrections Officer Julie A. Christensen and battery of Corrections Officer Denney G. Woodward.

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On Wednesday, 03/27/2013, at approximately 3:48 p.m., DCI Special Agents Jeremy R. Buss and Ronald W. Glaman met with FREDRICK A. MORRIS in an interview room at the Marathon County Sheriff's Department, located at 500 Forest Street, Wausau, Marathon County, Wisconsin. S/As Buss and Glaman met with MORRIS in an attempt to interview him regarding an assault he was involved with while inside "C Block" of the Marathon County Jail on Wednesday, 03/27/2013. As a result of the assault two (2) Corrections Officers, Julie A. Christensen and Denney G. Woodward, had been transported to the hospital. Corrections Officer Christensen's injuries had been described as severe.

S/A Buss introduced himself and S/A Glaman to MORRIS and advised they had watched the video recording of the assault which took place in the common area of "C Block" and law enforcement wanted to speak with MORRIS in an attempt to obtain his "side of the story" regarding the assault of Corrections Officers Christensen and Woodward.

S/A Buss explained to MORRIS since he was in custody law enforcement were required to read him his Miranda Rights. MORRIS advised he had his Miranda Rights read to him in the past. S/A Buss read MORRIS his Miranda Rights from a Miranda Rights card provided to S/A Glaman by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. After reading MORRIS his Miranda Rights S/A Buss asked MORRIS if he understood each of the Miranda Rights read to him and MORRIS answered he understood each of the Miranda Rights read to him. S/A Buss read the Waiver of Miranda Rights to MORRIS. MORRIS indicated he was willing to speak with S/As Buss and Glaman.

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by MORRIS.

MORRIS is currently incarcerated in the Marathon County Jail for "guns and drugs".

Based on other individuals S/As Buss and Glaman had spoken to there appeared to be tension in "C Block" between the inmates and the Corrections Officers. Some of the inmates believed they were being treated unfairly with their privileges being taken away for no reason. During the morning hours of Wednesday, 03/27/2013, the inmates discovered their television privileges had been taken away because the Corrections Officer did not believe the inmates were cleaning the cell block to the Corrections Officer's standards.

MORRIS confirmed there was tension between the Corrections Officers and the inmates because the Corrections Officers had been "taking shit", like calendars and pictures off the walls of the cells "just because they can". MORRIS believed the Corrections Officer's "power" was "going to their heads".

MORRIS does not agree with "group punishment" when the individual responsible should be individually punished. The cell block does not receive cleaning supplies during second shift so the inmates are not able to clean so the cell block is not clean and then the Corrections Officers take the television or other privileges away. The only time the cell block receives cleaning supplies is from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.. The inmates clean the cell block during the morning

hours when they have the cleaning supplies. Through out the day if there are large items of garbage the inmates clean but the small items on the floor they are unable to clean up because they do not have access to the cleaning supplies.

MORRIS does not watch television so he "does not give a [REDACTED] about the TV".

MORRIS was walking towards his "room", number 6, when Corrections Officer Woodward told MORRIS he would force him into his room if he did not comply. MORRIS stopped in front of his doorway and said "What you mean?" and that is when "everything caught fire", "ignited everything" and "she", meaning Corrections Officer Christensen, "stepped up" like she was "he woman or some s[REDACTED]" or "the hulk or she hulk".

Corrections Officer Woodward was the only one talking to MORRIS at this time. Corrections Officer Woodward was telling MORRIS "I'll put you in your room by force" and other "tough shit".

The assault on Corrections Officer Christensen would not have happened if Corrections Officer Woodward would not have talked the "tough s[REDACTED]" and if Corrections Officer Christensen "didn't think she was somebody that can do something about the situation". MORRIS did not know why Corrections Officer Christensen "stepped up". MORRIS described that after Corrections Officer Woodward told MORRIS he would be put into his cell by force Corrections Officer Christensen "ended up comin" towards MORRIS "like she was actually gonna put me in my room", "I'm a grown ass man, you a woman why would you even attempt to do this". Corrections Officer Woodward "just said it let him do this" but "you gonna come first".

The assault of Corrections Officer Christensen had nothing to do with anything against her it was only because she was the first Corrections Officer to get to MORRIS.

Corrections Officer Christensen walked towards MORRIS "like she was gonna grab me and put me in my room". MORRIS believed Corrections Officer Christensen was reaching for him at the time of the assault. MORRIS did not believe any of the Corrections Officers had anything in their hands when they approached him and MORRIS believed they were going to attempt to use force to place him into his cell.

MORRIS has had issues with Corrections Officer Christensen in the past because "she has taken s[REDACTED] too" but the assault against her had nothing to do with any past issues they may have had. Corrections Officer Christensen had made MORRIS remove his calendar from the wall of his cell. MORRIS did not know he was not to have a calendar because it was not posted like all of the other rules of the jail. Other inmates have calendars on their walls but Corrections Officer Christensen told MORRIS to take his down "or it's gonna be mine". MORRIS removed the calendar and then returned to his cell to go to sleep so he put the calendar back up. Corrections Officer Christensen had MORRIS' cell door opened, entered the cell, told MORRIS "I told you it was gonna be mine" and took the calendar. Other inmates can hang items on the walls of the cell,

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like calendars and cards but MORRIS was told to take them down if he did it. MORRIS believed he was being singled out.

After MORRIS assaulted Corrections Officer Christensen, Corrections Officer Woodward attempted to "grab" MORRIS and "what the fuck, again I'm a grown ass man just let me go to my room" and as law enforcement observed MORRIS "eventually went to" his "room". When Corrections Officer Woodward grabbed MORRIS, MORRIS "got out" that's when Corrections Officer Woodward "got hit in his mouth". Corrections Officer Woodward deployed his "mace" after being struck by MORRIS.

MORRIS was sprayed with Oleoresin Capsicum (OC Spray) during his struggles with Corrections Officer Woodward.

MORRIS was not struck by Corrections Officer Woodward during their struggle as Corrections Officer Woodward "just kept grabbing" MORRIS.

MORRIS did not have a plan after Corrections Officer Woodward "disrespected" him it was "impulse". MORRIS described himself as an impulsive person. MORRIS would not stand for being disrespected on the streets so why would he stand for it when he was in jail.

When asked if he could have just pushed Corrections Officer Christensen away or moved away from her MORRIS said he could not do that because "she just tested it" and thought MORRIS was "like one of them", referring to the other inmates in the block, so MORRIS had to respond and he acted on "impulse".

When the "Police" came to remove MORRIS from his room he told them "as long as y' all show respect to me y' all don't even gotta use the shields". MORRIS was asked to lay down so he could be handcuffed and he did as asked. MORRIS was standing at his door "face to face" with law enforcement when they came to remove him from his cell and if they would have "gotten tough I woulda got tough back".

MORRIS wanted to be respected and did not believe Corrections Officer Woodward was showing him respect.

MORRIS had just gotten out of North Joliet, Illinois, which MORRIS advised had recently been closed down because the inmates were "beatin staff up". MORRIS is not like the other inmates in the Marathon County Jail. Those inmates "talk a good game" and they say "I'm not gonna put the trays up" and the inmates were going to stay out and then where do they go "right to their rooms". Prior to the assault on Corrections Officer Christensen and Woodward there were approximately "twenty some people out here saying yeah lets do this like Cook County, lets do this like this County" and then "everybody just goes in". When asked what happens in Cook County MORRIS explained that is where if the guards enter the cell blocks they "leave on stretchers". Several of

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the inmates had talked about making the cell block like Cook County but "she like 4'11" and she yell at y' all and y' all ran to y' all rooms".

MORRIS is an individual and sees the other inmates as not true to what they say because "before everything they were all loud and this that and the third" and "after this ~~so~~ everybody's in their room talkin damn I don't get my visits".

The Corrections staff was told what MORRIS had done when he was incarcerated in Illinois. MORRIS described that when he was transported from Illinois the transport officers were told MORRIS "had just gotten into it with ERT in Will County, Illinois". MORRIS said the Corrections Officer should have known he had just fought with the ERT, Emergency Response Team, so the Corrections Officers should have known not to attempt to force MORRIS to do anything he did not want to do.

MORRIS' discipline had been an ongoing "thing" where MORRIS would receive "twenty fours" for "little stuff like a ~~calendar~~ calendar, covering up my light" but another inmate could have the same items but receive no punishment. MORRIS believed the Corrections Officers were "egging him on" because they believed he would "eventually do something" like "punch" one of the inmates. MORRIS described the other inmates as "bitches" because they would not stand up for anything.

MORRIS complained the handcuffs had not been removed from him since he was removed from his cell after the assault of Corrections Officer Christensen. MORRIS was advised the handcuffs had not been removed because of the assault of Corrections Officer Christensen and the handcuffs may be removed after he was returned to the jail.

MORRIS had two (2) small abrasions on his left hand. S/A Buss took photographs of the injuries. MORRIS did not know how he received the injuries to his left hand. MORRIS did not have any other injuries.

MORRIS has only had issues with one other Corrections Officer, a newer Officer named Jake. MORRIS got locked in his cell after asking to be allowed to enter his cell to retrieve some "cheese". MORRIS was allowed to enter his cell but the door was locked behind him. MORRIS was told he could not just enter his cell to retrieve an item so now that he was inside he had to stay in the cell. The Corrections Officer did allow MORRIS out of the cell.

MORRIS did not have any issues with any of the other inmates in "C Block". All of the inmates in "C Block" get along as far as MORRIS knows.

MORRIS felt bad after hitting Corrections Officer Christensen because it should not have happened. MORRIS believed the assault could have been prevented if Corrections Officer Woodward had not said "by force" when telling MORRIS he was going to be put into his cell.



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MORRIS did not go to his cell right away when asked/told to do so because he did not believe in the "group punishment". MORRIS did not feel that he should have to go into his cell anyway.

MORRIS told the Corrections Officers he never picked up the food trays and did not "kiss y' all ass every time you come through". MORRIS would collect his own food tray but he would not pick up the trays for the other inmates. MORRIS claimed he had placed his own food tray by the door; however when viewing the video recording MORRIS did not take his own food tray to the door. MORRIS had given his food tray, still containing food, to other inmates who took the food MORRIS did not eat. It is unknown who actually carried MORRIS food tray to the collection location.

MORRIS asked if Corrections Officer Christensen was still in the hospital and when told she was he said "this ~~s~~ ain't gonna look good". When asked to explain MORRIS said it was because he had "a lot of cases right now".

MORRIS did not have any questions for S/As Buss and Glaman.

The interview was concluded at approximately 4:18 p.m..

MORRIS was turned over to Deputies from the Marathon County Sheriff's Department and escorted to the jail.

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**Subject Contacted:**

Andrew Beaumont, M.D., Ph.D.  
Spine/Neurosurgery

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On April 16, 2013, Special Agent in Charge Cindy Giese made contact with Dr. Andrew Beaumont of the Aspirus Spine and Neurosciences Institute. The purpose of the contact with Dr. Beaumont was to identify the injuries that Julie A. Christensen sustained on March 27, 2013 during an incident at the Marathon County Jail which resulted in emergency medical treatment and hospitalization of Christensen. Christensen was working as a Corrections Officer at the Marathon County Jail located in Marathon County, WI at the time of the incident.

Dr. Beaumont provided SAIC Giese with the following information regarding Christensen's injuries and current condition:

"The patient suffered a severe closed head injury consistent with blunt force trauma. She presented to the hospital in a moribund condition with signs of severely elevated pressure inside the head and had developed a large blood clot pushing on the brain and extensive bruising of the brain itself.

She was taken to surgery emergently, she had a large piece of bone removed from her head and the blood clot was removed - she then had a special monitor placed in the head to measure the pressures. The pressure on the brain was so severe that the large piece of bone could not be replaced. She was then looked after in the intensive care unit where the severely elevated pressures were treated partly by a medically induced coma.

The pressures in her head have now settled and she has been allowed to wake up from the coma. She is interacting but in a limited way. She had to have a surgically placed breathing tube placed in her neck, and a surgically placed feeding tube in her stomach. She still faces surgery to replace the large piece of bone removed from her head. She faces months and months of rehabilitation and it is not known at this point if she will return to a normal neurological state or whether she will have permanent disability."

A Release of Medical Information was provided to Dr. Beaumont and is attached to this report.