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CIRCUIT COURT  
DANE COUNTY, WI  
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HKG WARRANT

**STATE OF WISCONSIN**

**CIRCUIT COURT**

**DANE COUNTY**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Plaintiff,

Ref. Agency: Dane County Sheriff's Office

DA Case No.: 2021DA008834

Agency Case No.: DCSD 21-397687

vs.

**Court Case No.: 2021CF** \_\_\_\_\_

ATN:

**ERIC N MEHRING**

10210 Rustling Birch Rd Apt 212

Madison, WI 53593

DOB: 12/31/1990

Sex/Race: M/W

Eye Color: Blue

Hair Color: Blonde

Height: 6 ft 02 in

Weight: 190 lbs

Defendant,

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

*For Official Use*

**The below-named complaining witness being first duly sworn states the following:**

**Count 1: HOMICIDE BY INTOXICATED USE OF A VEHICLE**

The above-named defendant on or about Saturday, October 2, 2021, in the Town of Middleton, Dane County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of JKM, by the operation of a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant, contrary to sec. 940.09(1)(a), 939.50(3)(d) Wis. Stats., a Class D Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than twenty five (25) years, or both.

And furthermore, invoking the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 343.31(3)(c), upon conviction, the department shall revoke the defendant's operating privilege for five (5) years.

And furthermore, invoking the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 940.09(1c)(a), upon conviction, the court shall impose a bifurcated sentence under s. 973.01 and the term of confinement in prison portion of the bifurcated sentence shall be at least 5 years except that a court may impose a term of confinement that is less than 5 years if the court finds a compelling reason and places its reason on the record.

**Count 2: HOMICIDE BY INTOXICATED USE OF A VEHICLE**

The above-named defendant on or about Saturday, October 2, 2021, in the Town of Middleton, Dane County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of SB, by the operation of a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant, contrary to sec. 940.09(1)(a), 939.50(3)(d) Wis. Stats., a Class D Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than twenty five (25) years, or both.

And furthermore, invoking the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 343.31(3)(c), upon conviction, the department shall revoke the defendant's operating privilege for five (5) years.

And furthermore, invoking the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 940.09(1c)(a), upon conviction, the court shall impose a bifurcated sentence under s. 973.01 and the term of confinement in

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prison portion of the bifurcated sentence shall be at least 5 years except that a court may impose a term of confinement that is less than 5 years if the court finds a compelling reason and places its reason on the record.

### **Count 3: HOMICIDE BY INTOXICATED USE OF A VEHICLE**

The above-named defendant on or about Saturday, October 2, 2021, in the Town of Middleton, Dane County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of ETK, by the operation of a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant, contrary to sec. 940.09(1)(a), 939.50(3)(d) Wis. Stats., a Class D Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than twenty five (25) years, or both.

And furthermore, invoking the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 343.31(3)(c), upon conviction, the department shall revoke the defendant's operating privilege for five (5) years.

And furthermore, invoking the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 940.09(1c)(a), upon conviction, the court shall impose a bifurcated sentence under s. 973.01 and the term of confinement in prison portion of the bifurcated sentence shall be at least 5 years except that a court may impose a term of confinement that is less than 5 years if the court finds a compelling reason and places its reason on the record.

### **Count 4: SECOND DEGREE RECKLESS HOMICIDE**

The above-named defendant on or about Saturday, October 2, 2021, in the Town of Middleton, Dane County, Wisconsin, did recklessly cause the death of another human being, JKM, contrary to sec. 940.06(1), 939.50(3)(d) Wis. Stats., a Class D Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than twenty five (25) years, or both.

### **Count 5: SECOND DEGREE RECKLESS HOMICIDE**

The above-named defendant on or about Saturday, October 2, 2021, in the Town of Middleton, Dane County, Wisconsin, did recklessly cause the death of another human being, SB, contrary to sec. 940.06(1), 939.50(3)(d) Wis. Stats., a Class D Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than twenty five (25) years, or both.

### **Count 6: SECOND DEGREE RECKLESS HOMICIDE**

The above-named defendant on or about Saturday, October 2, 2021, in the Town of Middleton, Dane County, Wisconsin, did recklessly cause the death of another human being, ETK, contrary to sec. 940.06(1), 939.50(3)(d) Wis. Stats., a Class D Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than twenty five (25) years, or both.

### **Count 7: SECOND DEGREE RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING SAFETY**

The above-named defendant on or about Saturday, October 2, 2021, in the Town of Middleton, Dane County, Wisconsin, did recklessly endanger the safety of BRK, contrary to sec.

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941.30(2), 939.50(3)(g) Wis. Stats., a Class G Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or imprisoned not more than ten (10) years, or both.

### **Count 8: SECOND DEGREE RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING SAFETY**

The above-named defendant on or about Saturday, October 2, 2021, in the Town of Middleton, Dane County, Wisconsin, did recklessly endanger the safety of CJK, contrary to sec. 941.30(2), 939.50(3)(g) Wis. Stats., a Class G Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or imprisoned not more than ten (10) years, or both.

### **FACTS:**

Dane County Sheriff's Deputy Alex Fell reports on October 2, 2021, at 10:09 PM, he and other deputies were dispatched to the intersection of Mineral Point Road and Karls Court in the Town of Middleton, Dane County, Wisconsin for a vehicle crash.

Deputy Fell reports he arrived on scene at 10:14 PM. Deputy Fell reports he was flagged down by a passerby who stated that there was someone trapped in a black vehicle that was in the ditch at the intersection of Mineral Point Road and Welcome Drive. Deputy Fell reports he made contact with this vehicle, a 2016 black Jaguar F-TYPE bearing Wisconsin registration 276-XJH, and identified the driver of this vehicle verbally as Eric N. Mehring, the defendant herein. Dane County Sheriff's Detective William Hendrickson also later identified the defendant by means of a Wisconsin driver's license.

Deputy Fell reports he asked the defendant where he was traveling to and coming from. The defendant stated he was coming east on Mineral Point Road to go home. The defendant stated he was above the speed limit. The defendant stated he saw a car and hit his brakes, but it was not quick enough. The defendant stated he was coming from Morgan's Bar in Pine Bluff where he had approximately one to two mixed drinks.

Deputy Fell reports EMS arrived on scene and transported the defendant to the University of Wisconsin Hospital, where Deputy Fell again had contact with the defendant. Deputy Fell reports during his contact with the defendant at the hospital, the defendant stated he was drinking at Morgan's Bar in Pine Bluff and had been headed home to his address in Verona, traveling eastbound on Mineral Point Road towards Madison. The defendant stated he had two rum and Coke mixed drinks that were single shots in size. The defendant stated he was driving and came over a hill when he observed brake lights. The defendant stated he hit his brakes in an attempt to slow down, but he rear-ended the vehicle in front of him.

Deputy Fell reports the defendant stated he was driving fast and was going approximately 75 mph. Deputy Fell reports on the stretch of Mineral Point Road and Swoboda Road, the speed limit goes from 55 mph to 45 mph as it comes into a residential area.

Deputy Fell reports the defendant's eyes were bloodshot and glossy. Deputy Fell reports the defendant performed the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test and during that test Deputy Fell observed distinct nystagmus at maximum deviation in both of the defendant's eyes. Deputy

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Fell reports the defendant provided a preliminary breath test, which resulted in a value of .242. Deputy Fell reports the defendant submitted to an evidentiary chemical test of his blood.

Dane County Sheriff's Deputy Tracy Becker reports she responded to the above-stated crash and observed on the south side of the road, near Karls Court, there was a large fire in the cornfield. Deputy Becker reports she observed Deputy Fell in contact with the defendant. Deputy Becker reports she made contact with witnesses, identified as BRK and CJK. Deputy Becker reports BRK stated that she and her husband were in their vehicle traveling westbound on Mineral Point Road, just west of Welcome Drive, when the black Jaguar entered the westbound lanes going eastbound. BRK and CJK stated they had to take evasive action to go into the ditch to avoid hitting the Jaguar that was coming at them. Deputy Becker reports she observed BRK's and CJK's white Honda Odyssey parked just above the ditch line on the north side of Mineral Point Road, just west of Welcome Drive.

Deputy Becker reports the Middleton Fire Department arrived to put out the vehicle fire. Deputy Becker reports she walked the crash scene. Deputy Becker reports she observed several large gouges in the roadway. Deputy Becker reports based on looking at the scene, the defendant in the suspect vehicle rear-ended the victim vehicle, a 2013 red Chevrolet Cruz, which traveled into the southbound side of Mineral Point Road, into a cornfield. Deputy Becker reports at some point during its travel, the victim vehicle caught on fire and was fully engulfed.

Dane County Sheriff's Detective Timothy Blanke reports on October 5, 2021 Dane County Medicolegal Investigator Hope Finch contacted him and stated that identification of the three victims in the above-stated crash, whom officers had located in the Chevrolet Cruz, had been identified, and external examinations had been conducted by Dane County Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Vincent Tranchida and Dane County Deputy Medical Examiner Dr. Agnieszka Rogalska. Hope Finch indicated the driver of the victim vehicle was identified as JKM; the front seat passenger was identified as SB; and the rear passenger was identified as ETK. Detective Blanks reports the cause of death for each victim was determined to be blunt force trauma due to injuries sustained in an automobile crash. Dane County Sheriff's Sergeant Johnathon Matz reports Hope Finch was on scene on the night of the crash and had pronounced time of death for JKM, SB, and ETK at 12:50 AM on October 3, 2021.

Dane County Sheriff's Detective William Hendrickson reports he made contact with the defendant at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in reference to the above-stated crash. During the contact with the defendant, Detective Hendrickson inquired as to whether or not he was aware that he had been in a crash, and the defendant stated that he was. The defendant stated he was alone in the vehicle at the time of the crash. The defendant stated that he was traveling from Morgan's, which Detective Hendrickson knows is a bar in the Pine Bluff area just west of the crash location. The defendant stated that he had been at home for the majority of the day and had left his residence at approximately 7:00 p.m. on October 2, 2021 to visit a Target store. The defendant believed he had gotten to Morgan's at roughly 8:00 p.m. The defendant stated he believed he was at Morgan's for one and a half to two hours. The defendant stated prior to leaving his residence that evening he did have one alcoholic beverage or mixed drink. The defendant stated while at Morgan's Bar and Grill, he had two drinks, which he identified as Captain and Diet Coke and a vodka lemonade.

Detective Hendrickson reports during his contact with the defendant, the defendant stated that after he had left the bar, he was traveling eastbound on "Mineral Point Drive" towards home.

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The defendant stated that while doing so, he had gone over a little hill when he saw brake lights in front of him and within his lane. The defendant stated that he attempted to break, but he was "going too fast for conditions." The defendant stated he did not brake hard enough or fast enough, and he was unable to stop in time. Detective Hendrickson reports the defendant stated he struck the vehicle "straight on" and "from behind".

Detective Hendrickson reports during his contact with the defendant, he addressed the defendant providing a speed estimate of 75 mph. Detective Hendrickson reports the defendant stated he had looked at his speedometer at one point during the drive, which is why he provided that number. Detective Hendrickson reports the defendant stated the speed limit in that section of Mineral Point Road was 55 mph to 45 mph or "around that area." Detective Hendrickson reports he asked the defendant why he was speeding and the defendant stated, "over confidence."

Detective Hendrickson reports at one point during his contact with the defendant, he asked the defendant what, in his mind, made this crash take place and the defendant responded, "Too much speed and more drinks than I should have had to drive."

\*\*THIS COMPLAINT IS BASED ON the information and belief of your complainant, who is a Dane County Sheriff's Deputy, and who learned of the above offense from the reports of Dane County Sheriff's Deputy Alex Fell, Dane County Sheriff's Deputy Tracy Becker, Dane County Sheriff's Sergeant Johnathon Matz, Dane County Sheriff's Detective Timothy Blanke, and Dane County Sheriff's Detective William Hendrickson, which report(s) your complainant believes to be truthful and reliable inasmuch as they were prepared during the course of the officer(s) official duties.

Further, your complainant believes the information furnished by witnesses to be truthful and reliable inasmuch as they are citizen informant(s) and witnessed the events described.

Your complainant believes the information provided Medicolegal Investigator Hope Finch, Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Vincent Tranchida, and Deputy Medical Examiner Agnieszka Rogalska to be truthful and reliable as it is information provided during the course of their official duties with the Dane County Medical Examiner's Office.

Your complainant believes the statements of the Defendant to be truthful and reliable insofar as they are admissions against penal interest.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 10/18/21

Electronically Signed By:  
Timothy J. Helmberger  
Assistant District Attorney  
State Bar #: 1031909

Electronically Signed By:  
Brian Wilder  
Complainant

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