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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2025ML022819

Court Case No.:

vs.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

BRUNNER, AMANDRIA J
11104 WEST GREENFIELD AVENUE
WEST ALLIS, WI 53214
DOB: 04/24/1984

Defendant(s).

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THE BELOW NAMED COMPLAINANT BEING DULY SWORN, ON INFORMATION AND BELIEF STATES THAT:

Count 1: HOMICIDE BY INTOXICATED USE OF A VEHICLE WHILE HAVING PRIOR INTOXICANT-RELATED CONVICTION/REVOCATION

The above-named defendant on or about Friday, September 5, 2025, at N. 27th Street and W. St. Paul Avenue, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of SMM, by the operation of a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant, and has one or more prior convictions, suspensions, or revocations, as counted under s. 343.307 (2)., contrary to sec. 940.09(1)(a) and (1c)(b), 939.50(3)(c) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class C Felony, the defendant may be fined not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), or imprisoned not more than forty (40) 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)(b), 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 WHILE HAVING PRIOR INTOXICANT-RELATED CONVICTION/REVOCATION

The above-named defendant on or about Friday, September 5, 2025, at N. 27th Street and W. St. Paul Avenue, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of NES, by the operation of a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant, and has one or more prior convictions, suspensions, or revocations, as counted under s. 343.307 (2)., contrary to sec. 940.09(1)(a) and (1c)(b), 939.50(3)(c) Wis. Stats.

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Probable Cause:

Complainant is an employee of Milwaukee Police Department and bases this complaint on information and belief and on a review of official police reports prepared by Milwaukee Police Officers which are the kind Complainant has used in the past and found to be truthful and reliable and which Complainant knows were prepared in the ordinary and regular course of police business.

September 5, 2025, Crash Scene

On September 5, 2025, at 5:05 p.m., Officers LaCarlin Davis and Craig Ziarnik responded to N. 27th Street and W. St. Paul Avenue, City and County of Milwaukee, for a motor vehicle accident. Upon arrival, Officers observed a white Ford Ranger with severe damage and a silver Jeep Grand Cherokee with severe damage. Officers observed there were two males in the back seat of the Jeep, who were unconscious and not breathing.

Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) arrived on scene and removed one of these males, SMM, from the vehicle. MFD attempted lifesaving measures, which were unsuccessful, and SMM was pronounced deceased on scene. SMM was transported to the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office, whereupon Dr. Calderaro performed an autopsy. Dr. Calderaro determined SMM's cause of death to be multiple blunt force injuries.

MFD removed the other remaining passenger, NES, from the Jeep, and attempted lifesaving measures. These lifesaving measures were unsuccessful, and NES was pronounced deceased on scene. NES was transported to the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office, whereupon Dr. Calderaro performed an autopsy. Dr. Calderaro determined NES's cause of death to be multiple blunt force injuries.

Police Officer William Hanney, of the Crash Reconstruction Unit, responded to the scene. Officer Hanney observed that N. 27th Street has a posted 30 mph speed limit. Officer Hanney observed the position and damage to the vehicles involved was consistent with the northbound Ford turning left into the path of the southbound Jeep.

Identification and Arrest of the Defendant

Police Officer Benjamin Hilleshiem responded to the scene and located the above-referenced defendant seated on a wall next to the crash scene. Officer Hilleshiem observed that the defendant was talking on the phone, and stated that she was turning left when another car hit her, and "they are dead." The defendant identified herself as the driver of the white Ford Ranger to Officers, and stated that there was alcohol in her vehicle. The defendant also stated that she had two drinks—Steel Reserves—prior to the crash. Officer Hilleshiem observed that the defendant had bloodshot and glassy eyes, slurred speech, and difficulty keeping her balance. Based on these observations, Officer Hilleshiem requested the defendant perform Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs). Officer Hilleshiem observed the defendant exhibits multiple clues of impairment on all three SFSTs. Based on the clues of impairment exhibited by the defendant, she was placed under arrest.

In a search incident to arrest, Officers located a "red diamond grinder" which contained a green leafy substance that tested positive for tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) via "Mobile Detect Drug Testing." The

defendant was conveyed to Aurora Sinai for medical clearance, whereupon a search warrant was obtained, and her blood was drawn.

Witness Statements

Detectives spoke with ACT, who stated that she was a passenger inside her vehicle and witnessed the motor vehicle collision. ACT stated that the defendant was travelling north on N. 27th Street. ACT stated that the defendant had a yellow traffic signal and turned left onto W. St. Paul Avenue from N. 27th Street. ACT stated that it appeared the Jeep sped through the intersection, whereupon the defendant's vehicle collided with the Jeep. ACT stated that she observed the defendant's vehicle spin around before it came to a rest in between north and southbound traffic, south of W. St. Paul Avenue. ACT stated that, after the collision, she assisted the defendant with getting out of the vehicle. ACT stated that the defendant unlocked the driver's door and exited the vehicle, whereupon ACT smelled alcohol on the defendant's person. ACT stated that the defendant told ACT that she had alcohol in the back of her vehicle that had come to the front during the collision. ACT stated that the defendant kept trying to put gum in her mouth as she was talking with ACT.

Detectives spoke with PJM, who stated that he was the owner of the Jeep and driving at the time of the crash. PJM stated that five of his teammates were in the Jeep as he drove south on N. 27th Street. PJM stated that the white Ford Ranger turned left in front of him and the vehicles collided. PJM stated that NES and SMM were in the rear seat when the crash happened. PJM consented to a blood draw, which was drawn at approximately 7:00 p.m. A sample of PJM's was sent to the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory for analysis. The analysis of PJM's blood is still pending.

Detectives spoke to EM, who stated that he and the other occupants of the Jeep are members of the Marquette University Lacrosse team. EM stated that he was picked up by PJM in the Jeep, with the goal of visiting a thrift store. EM stated that he was seated in the driver side, rear passenger seat. EM stated that the front passenger was TA, SMM was in the furthest right, rear passenger seat, with NES next to SMM, and HH seated between EM and NES. EM stated that he remembered being by a bridge and gas station, when he looked down at his phone. EM stated that the next thing he remembered is being bumped side to side with the door and passenger next to him. EM stated that once the vehicle came to a stop, he had to kick the door open to get out. EM stated that the vehicle they crashed with was a white Ford Ranger style truck and the driver was a heavy set, white female.

Search of the Defendant's Ford Ranger

Officer Hanney obtained a search warrant for the Defendant's Ford Ranger, and observed the odor of intoxicants emanating from the vehicle. Officer Hanney located one open can of Miller High Life beer in the extended cab portion of the truck, behind the passenger seat. Officer Hanney observed that the can was partially crushed, but the top of the beer can did not appear to be opened by crash forces.

Video Recovered

Officer Davis recovered video from 418 N. 27th Street, which faces to the south and captures the intersection. This video depicts the southbound traffic light transition from green to yellow to red throughout the traffic pattern. **This video shows the defendant stopped behind a dark pickup truck at this intersection, in the left turn lane to go west on St. Paul Avenue.** This video depicts the southbound traffic light transition to a yellow light while the dark pickup truck is in the intersection. The dark pickup truck is observed turning left through the intersection and continuing westbound onto St. Paul Avenue from N. 27th Street. **The defendant is observed accelerating into the intersection from a stopped position, while the light is yellow¹,** whereupon it collides with the gray SUV as it is entering the intersection at a high rate of speed.

¹ Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 346.37(1)(b), traffic facing a yellow signal shall stop before entering the intersection unless so close to it that a stop may not be made in safety.

Blood Draw Results

On September 8, 2025, the defendant's blood sample was sent to the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory for analysis. **An analysis of this blood sample was conducted, whereupon it revealed her blood alcohol content was .133 g/100 ml.** This blood sample will be undergoing further drug testing.

Download of the Ford Ranger and Jeep ACMs

Officer Hanney obtained a search warrant for the Ford's Bosch Crash Data Retrieval (CDR) accessible Event Data Recorder (EDR) contained in the Airbag Control Module (ACM). The ACM is an electronic instrument that "senses" a crash and makes the "decision" as to whether or not the airbags should be deployed. This module, which utilizes an internal accelerometer to analyze and interpret sudden speed changes, may also record data surrounding a collision event. The data may include pre-crash data such as vehicle speed, throttle position, engine RPM, brake position, longitudinal velocity change information, as well as seat belt usage and general airbag command parameters. Officer Hanney observed that the Ford Ranger's airbags deployed in this incident, and successfully downloaded the data contained in the EDR.

In analyzing the data from the Ford Ranger's ACM, Officer Hanney observed that the defendant was stopped for at least 3 seconds prior to deciding to drive the Ford into the intersection before the crash. Officer Hanney also observed that the defendant had the accelerator depressed 96% and was travelling at 11.8 mph at the time of the collision, and did not press her brakes.

Officer Hanney also obtained a search warrant for the Jeep's CDR accessible EDR contained in the ACM. In analyzing data from this ACM, Officer Hanney observed that PJM depressed the accelerator 100% at start of the crash event, and the Jeep was traveling at a speed of 53 mph.

Defendant's Prior Conviction

Officers checked the defendant's driving record, which revealed on October 21, 2003, she was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated. The defendant's driving record shows that she was convicted of Operating While Intoxicated on November 19, 2003.

****End of Complaint****

Electronic Filing Notice:

This case was electronically filed with the Milwaukee County Clerk of Circuit Court office. The electronic filing system is designed to allow for fast, reliable exchange of documents in court cases. Parties who register as electronic parties can file, receive and view documents online through the court electronic filing website. A document filed electronically has the same legal effect as a document filed by traditional means. You may also register as an electronic party by following the instructions found at <http://efiling.wicourts.gov/> and may withdraw as an electronic party at any time. There is a \$ 20.00 fee to register as an electronic party. If you are not represented by an attorney and would like to register an electronic party, you will need to contact the Clerk of Circuit Court office at 414-278-4120. Unless you register as an electronic party, you will be served with traditional paper documents by other parties and by the court. You must file and serve traditional paper documents.

Criminal Complaint prepared by Emily Zimmer.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on 09/10/25

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Officer William Hanney

Complainant