

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

DA Case No.:2009ML002517

Plaintiff,

vs.

Complaining Witness:

*Det. Vette Washington*

Warren, Jessie Lamont  
3044 N 53rd St  
Milwaukee, WI 53210-1617  
DOB: 06/07/1961

Court Case No.:

09CF00939

Defendant,

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THE ABOVE NAMED COMPLAINING WITNESS BEING DULY SWORN, ON INFORMATION AND BELIEF STATES THAT:

**Count 1: ATTEMPT ROBBERY, ARMED (USE OF FORCE)**

The above-named defendant on or about Thursday, February 19, 2009, at 419 E. Wells St., Milwaukee WI 53202, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, with intent to steal, by the use or threat of use of a dangerous weapon, attempted to take property from the presence of James Stocks, the owner, by use of force against the person of the owner with intent thereby to overcome that person's physical resistance or physical power of resistance to the taking or carrying away of said property, contrary to sec. 943.32(1)(a) and (2), 939.50(3)(c), 939.32 Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, an attempt to commit a Class C Felony, the defendant may be fined not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), or imprisoned not more than twenty (20) years, or both.

The above-named complaining witness is a City of Milwaukee police detective and bases this Complaint upon his review of official Milwaukee Police Department police reports, which reports are prepared in the ordinary course of business and which reports he/she has used in the past and found to be truthful and reliable. Those reports indicate the following investigation:

On February 19, 2009, City of Milwaukee police officers were dispatched to the Real Chili restaurant at 419 East Wells Street, City and County of Milwaukee, for the report of an attempted armed robbery. The officers spoke to an individual identified as James Stocks. Stocks stated he was the cashier and sole employee of the Real Chili on duty that evening. Stocks stated that in the evening on the above date, an unknown black male subject walked into the restaurant and came up to the counter where the cash register is located. Stocks stated that this suspect told him, "I'll give you three seconds to open the cash register or I'll kill you." Stocks told the suspect to get out of the restaurant, and the suspect replied, "I've got a gun in my pocket."

Stocks stated that the suspect grabbed the cash register located on the counter in front of them. Stocks had locked the cash register, and believed the suspect was trying to get at the money. Stocks stated that the suspect appeared to be trying to take the cash register. Stocks grabbed for the cash register, and he and the suspect struggled over it. Stocks said there were patrons inside the restaurant, and he yelled for them to call the police.

Stocks stated that the suspect then produced a small-bladed knife and appeared to attempt to stab Stocks in his hand. Stocks said the knife grazed his hand but did not break his skin. Stocks told police that the people in the restaurant began to get up from their chairs. The suspect then left the restaurant without the register or any money. Stocks stated he did not give consent to the suspect to take any property from Real Chili.

Police also spoke to one of the patrons of the restaurant, identified as Katherine Rajala. Rajala told police she was eating food inside the Real Chili restaurant when a black male suspect approached the cashier and demanded money. She stated that she saw the suspect holding what appeared to be a Swiss Army knife. She observed the suspect struggle with the cashier over the cash register. She said the suspect eventually left.

Rajala followed the suspect out of the restaurant and observed him enter the passenger side of a dark blue 4-door vehicle. Rajala called 911 as she was exiting the restaurant, and was able to read the license plate numbers of the vehicle to the 911 operator. Rajala was standing only a few feet from the back bumper of the car as she read the plate numbers.

Officers obtained the license plate numbers and found that the vehicle was registered to Misty Washington on north 48<sup>th</sup> Street. Officers went to Misty Washington's residence and spoke with her. She stated that she owned the vehicle in question. Officers spoke to her husband, James Washington. James Washington stated that he had given his friend Lamont a ride downtown that evening. James Washington said that Lamont told him someone owed him money, and Lamont offered to give James \$20 if James would drive him downtown. James Washington stated he drove Lamont to a restaurant near 4<sup>th</sup> and Wells in Milwaukee. He observed Lamont go into a restaurant and then come back out a short time later. James stated that Lamont told him the guy he knew wasn't there, so he couldn't pay James. James stated he then drove Lamont to another location and left him there.

James Washington agreed to show police where his friend Lamont lives. James Washington led police to the area of 53<sup>rd</sup> and Burleigh. There, James picked out the address of 3044 N. 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as the house where he knows his friend Lamont lives. Officers knocked on the door of the residence and made contact with the above-named defendant, Jessie Lamont Warren. Washington identified the defendant as the individual he drove downtown that evening. The defendant was arrested.

On February 20, 2009, the Milwaukee Police Department conducted a lineup of six suspects, one of which was the defendant Jessie Warren. James Stocks, the cashier, was shown the lineup but did not identify any of the individuals as the suspect from the attempted robbery. Katharine Rajala positively identified the defendant as the actor. Three other restaurant patrons from that evening, who were all interviewed by the police regarding the incident, were shown the lineup, and all three of those witnesses positively identified the defendant as the suspect from the armed robbery.

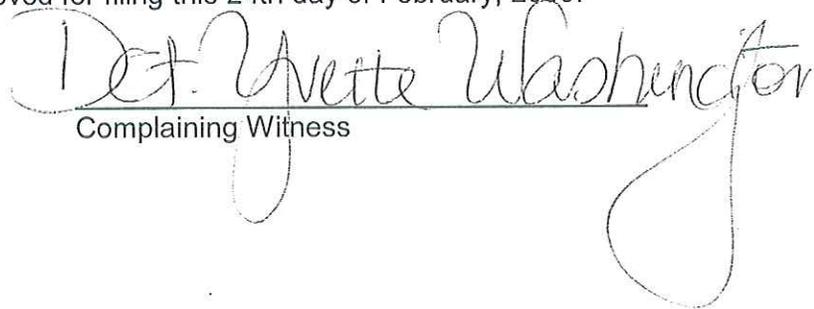
\*\*\*\*End of Complaint\*\*\*\*

*affirmed*

Subscribed and sworn to before me and approved for filing this 24th day of February, 2009.



David W. Maas  
Assistant Attorney General  
As Special Prosecutor for Milwaukee County  
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Complaining Witness

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