

STATE OF WISCONSIN

-vs-

Plaintiff,

Alexander Leo Arledge  
12702 Avelar Creek Drive  
Riverview, FL 33578

Defendant,

DA Case No.: 2016MN002771  
Assigned DA/ADA: Wendy W. Lemkuil  
Agency Case No.: 16-000388  
Court Case No.: 16CF 16 CF 744

**FILED**

**SUMMONS**

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THE STATE OF WISCONSIN TO SAID DEFENDANT:

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WI

A complaint, a copy of which is attached, having been made accusing the defendant of committing the crime(s) of:

<u>THE CRIME(S) OF:</u>	<u>DATE OF VIOLATION:</u>	<u>CONTRARY TO WIS. STATUTE(S):</u>
Threat to Law Enforcement Officer	01/18/2016	940.203(2)
Threat to Prosecutor	01/18/2016	940.203(2)
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The original of such complaint has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Manitowoc County.

You, the defendant, are therefore summoned to appear before the Circuit Court Branch 1, at the Manitowoc County Courthouse, 1010 South 8th Street, Manitowoc, WI 54221-2000, on:

**INITIAL APPEARANCE: January 09, 2017 at 2:30 PM**

And in case of your failure to appear, a warrant for your arrest may be issued.

Dated this 8th day of December, 2016.

  
Deputy District Attorney

**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY BEEN FINGERPRINTED, YOU MUST DO SO AT THE REFERRING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PURSUANT TO WIS. STATS. 165.84 AND 970.02(7). YOU MUST BRING YOUR CRIMINAL COMPLAINT WITH YOU TO THAT AGENCY. YOU MUST PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION AT YOUR INITIAL APPEARANCE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN FINGERPRINTED.**

**MANITOWOC COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - PLEASE CHECK WITH THEM FOR DATES AND TIMES**

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**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

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Complainant, an Deputy District Attorney, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that:

**Count 1: THREAT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, January 18, 2016, in the City of Manitowoc, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, did intentionally threaten to cause bodily harm to Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department, a law enforcement officer, without their consent, and at the time of the threat, the defendant knew or should have known that Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department was a law enforcement officer and the threat was in a response to any action taken by a law enforcement officer in an official capacity, contrary to sec. 940.203(2) 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.

**Count 2: THREAT TO PROSECUTOR**

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, January 18, 2016, in the City of Manitowoc, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, did intentionally threaten to cause bodily harm to the Manitowoc County District Attorney, a prosecutor, without her consent, and at the time of the threat, the defendant knew or should have known that Manitowoc County District Attorney was a prosecutor and the threat was in a response to any action taken by a prosecutor in an official capacity, contrary to sec. 940.203(2) 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.

**Count 3: THREAT TO PROSECUTOR**

Subsequent to Count 2: The above-named defendant on or about Monday, January 18, 2016, in the City of Manitowoc, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, did intentionally threaten to cause bodily harm to the Manitowoc County District Attorney, a prosecutor, without her

consent, and at the time of the threat, the defendant knew or should have known that Manitowoc County District Attorney was a prosecutor and the threat was in a response to any action taken by a prosecutor in an official capacity, contrary to sec. 940.203(2) 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.

Complainant is an Deputy District Attorney/Special Prosecutor with the Brown County District Attorney's Office and knows of the above offense on information and belief based upon:

### **PROBABLE CAUSE**

The complainant, being duly sworn on oath, swears that she has had the opportunity to review the police reports of the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), and other documents supporting this complaint, which are the types of reports and documents kept in the ordinary course of business, which complainant believes to be truthful and reliable because they have proven to be truthful and reliable on numerous occasions in the past.

The complaint further asserts that based upon her review of the reports and/or supporting documents, the incidents alleged in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin.

1. Your complainant's review of the reports of Special Agent Dennis Carroll of the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), who indicates that in January of 2016, an investigation was began by law enforcement after the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department reported receipt of threatening emails and phone calls directed to officers of their department. The Manitowoc Sheriff's Department received numerous threats and harassing telephone calls, emails and mail as a result of a television series, "Making a Murderer", which criticized the actions of this law enforcement agency and its officers. They had also received calls reporting a bomb being placed at the Joint Dispatch Center and planned to detonate. On another occasion, a glitter bomb was sent to the agency but not detonated. As a result of all of these threats, on January 28, 2016, SA Carroll was assigned to follow-up on an investigation into identifying the suspects involved with the threats and threatening telephone calls that were called into the Manitowoc Joint Dispatch Center(JDC) located in the City of Manitowoc, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin on January 18, 2016 at telephone number (920)683-4200. Specifically, he followed up on a threatening telephone call received by the Manitowoc Sheriff's Department on January 18, 2016 and he also followed up on two threatening telephone calls received by the Manitowoc District Attorney's Office on the same date of January 18, 2016. SA Carroll was advised that the Manitowoc JDC was the 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for several law enforcement agencies including Manitowoc City and the Manitowoc Sheriff's Department and others. He further learned that the JDC was managed by Manitowoc Emergency Management and Nancy Crowley. SA Carroll then spoke with Ms. Crowley and learned that the telephone lines for Manitowoc JDC were provided by AT&T. Ms. Crowley indicated that Manitowoc County employs an individual, William Jones, who manages the phones. SA Carroll then met with William Jones who

provided him with recorded telephone calls that had been received from the Manitowoc JDC phone system. SA Carroll reviewed various recordings but specifically he reviewed a file or call from January 18, 2016, to the Sheriff's Department named "Threat jan 18 2016" which was 00:29 in duration and transcribed as follows:

*DISPATCH: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department.*

*CALLER: Ah hello, yes. I just wanted to say January 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 will be a terrible day for Manitowoc County because every single sheriff will be executed inside of their own home.*

*DISPATCH: Okay. You do know that this is a recorded phone line sir.*

*CALLER: Yes.*

*DISPATCH: Okay.*

*CALLER: Every single sheriff will be executed.*

*DISPATCH: Okay, well ah, is there anything else I can do for you then sir.*

*CALL ENDED.*

SA Carroll noted that on January 18, 2016, at approximately 4:28pm and 4:31pm, the Manitowoc District Attorney's Office also received two threatening telephone calls at (920) 683-4070. Specifically, the first telephone call was received by the receptionist at the District Attorney's Office, Star Green at 4:28pm on January 18, 2016. Ms. Green stated that a second incoming call was also placed and the male caller was the same person on each. Ms. Green indicated that the phone rang at 920-683-4070 and a man asked if this was the DA's office in Manitowoc County. When Ms. Green replied "Yes, it is" the male caller told her that if they did not give Avery a fair trial he would personally execute the DA and execute all of the Sheriff's Department. She states she then hung up on him. Ms. Green then called the bailiff, Melia Prange and notified her. She states that while she was on the phone with Melia, the same male caller called again and he said the same thing and made the same threat and then hung up. Green noted that the man's voice sounded like he was in his mid-twenties and had a slight southern accent. She did not notice any background noise. SA Carroll later reviewed the telephone calls coming into the District Attorney's Office around this time and a telephone number of (801)719-0263 corresponded to the time that the calls came into the DA's Office.

On May 3, 2016, SA Carroll states that he received telephone records from Verizon Wireless pursuant to a search warrant obtained in furtherance of the threats to kill Manitowoc County deputies received on January 18, 2016. SA Carroll reviewed the subscriber records provided by Verizon for phone number (801) 719-0263 and noted that the individual listed to the account was "Timothy L. Arledge" at a Riverview, Florida address. SA Carroll then did an open search of Facebook for the number (801) 719-0263 and noted that it was associated with a Facebook profile in the name of Alexander Leo

Arledge (DOB:1/7/97). SA Carroll then attempted to call (801) 719-0263 and he received a voicemail prompt. SA Carroll reviewed call records for this number provided by Verizon and noted that the top number that this number communicated with was a (941) number. SA Carroll is familiar, based upon his training and experience, that the top contacted number on a person's phone records typically is someone close to the person and that a person is likely going to answer if a call comes from a known number. SA Carroll then called (801) 719-0263 again but this time he changed the caller identification from his phone to the (941) area code number from the call records. This time, a male subject answered the phone and SA Carroll audio recorded the telephone conversation. SA Carroll identified himself as a law enforcement officer and the purpose of the call. The male asked SA Carroll how he was calling him from his fiancée's phone number and SA Carroll advised the male that he had changed the caller identification number. The male subject then hung up the phone. SA Carroll then called the presumed "fiancée's" number at the (941) number to make contact with her in an attempt to reach the male subject and discuss this matter further. SA Carroll also recorded this call. The call was answered by a female who was somewhat confrontational to SA Carroll after he explained who he was and why he was calling regarding this investigation. She further appeared to be aware of SA Carroll's prior call to the male. SA Carroll explained that Alexander Arledge may be charged with felony offenses in Wisconsin as a result of this matter and extradited to face charges. The male subject, who identified himself as "Alex" then took the phone and spoke with SA Carroll about the investigation. The Defendant asked SA Carroll what phone numbers were subpoenaed and what numbers the calls were from. SA Carroll told the Defendant that the threatening calls came from his (801) 710-0263 number. The Defendant said that was impossible and that he was going to pull up his statement online and look. The Defendant then asked what phone number was contacted. SA Carroll read from the records obtained that (801) 719-0263 had contacted the Manitowoc District Attorney's Office at telephone number (920) 683-4070 on January 18, 2016 at 17:27 hours eastern time which was 16:27 central time. SA Carroll advised the Defendant that the call records show the cell tower and sector used to make that call by Arledge. SA Carroll advised that Defendant that there were recordings of the threatening calls that were made by the subject. SA Carroll offered to play the recordings for the Defendant which he did over the phone. Based upon speaking with the Defendant Alexander Arledge on the telephone, SA Carroll could identify the subject on the telephone as the male on the recordings. The Defendant then admitted to making the calls and explained to SA Carroll that the Defendant had watched the Steven Avery documentary and was upset over what he learned. The Defendant admitted that he had anger management issues and didn't intend to follow up on what he threatened. The Defendant stated it would not happen again. The Defendant stated he initially denied making the phone calls because his wife was present and he "didn't want her to know how stupid I was".


2. Her review of the statement of the Defendant, Alexander Leo Arledge (DOB:1/7/97), dated June 22, 2016 as he was interviewed in person by Florida law enforcement officers Byron Ross and Antonio Vargas, at his home at 1203 Quail Hollow Place, Valrico, Florida. The Defendant indicated that he had watched the NETFLIX series "Making a Murderer" shortly after it became available. After watching the first season of the series, the Defendant became upset at the alleged corruption committed by law enforcement in

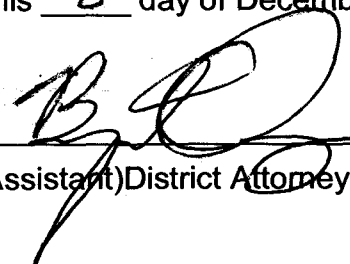
Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, in the case of Steven Avery. The Defendant used the Internet to conduct a Google search using the key word "Manitowoc". As a result of this search, the Defendant was able to find a contact number for a law enforcement agency in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. He does not recall the exact number he called to contact law enforcement in that county but he called from his cellular number, 801-719-0263 and stated that he was "going to kill a bunch of people". The Defendant does not recall threatening any person in particular. He admits he made this threat approximately two to three months ago. The Defendant states he was sober at the time he made the threats and was living at his current residence at 1203 Quail Hollow Place, Valrico, Florida. He indicated that he later visited the Internet website "Reddit.com" and saw a "subreddit" discussing the Steven Avery case. He saw there was more evidence against Avery than shown in the "Making a Murderer" series. This information changed the way that the Defendant felt about the actions of law enforcement in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. He now believes that law enforcement acted properly after being made aware of the evidence against Steven Avery. The Defendant further admitted he recalled talking on the telephone to a Detective two months prior regarding the threats he made to law enforcement in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. The Detective said he was from the next county over from Manitowoc. Arledge indicates that he has utilized the telephone number 801-719-0263 since he was approximately twelve years old. Arledge's family was in the Air Force and the family moved frequently. Arledge stated he attended Rasmussen College to study general Information Technology but failed out because of what he believes to be attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Arledge's fiancé is a licensed practical nurse and told him that he may have ADHD due to his mood swings. She assisted Arledge in setting an appointment to see a psychiatrist on June 28, 2016. Arledge further stated he dropped out of high school because of his inability to focus on academics. He believes that his inability to focus was due to his ADHD. He was subsequently home schooled and received a GED. Arledge advised making the threats to law enforcement in Manitowoc County was "stupid and dumb" and that he would "never hurt anyone". He states he has never made a threat like this before or since making the threatening calls to Manitowoc county.

Based on the foregoing, the complainant believes this complaint to be true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,  
and approved for filing on:

This 8 day of December, 2016.

  
Complainant

  
(Assistant) District Attorney