

Milwaukee County DA Chisholm: Statement on Darrell Brooks and the criminal complaints relating to his open cases

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Below is the summary of pending charges against Mr. Darrell Brooks:
On July 27, 2020, the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office issued two counts of Second Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety and Felon In Possession of a Firearm in case 2020CF002550. Cash bail was originally set at \$10,000 and subsequently reduced to \$7,500.

Unlike some other states, Wisconsin requires payment for the full amount of bail set in any criminal case. On February 9, 2021, the State was prepared to proceed to a scheduled jury trial. Mr. Brooks was still in custody on this matter and previously made a demand for a speedy jury trial. Because another jury trial was in progress before the same court, the defendant's demand for a speedy jury trial could not be met. The case was adjourned and bail reduced to \$500, which the defendant posted on February 21, 2021.

On November 5, 2021, the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office issued against Mr. Brooks charges of Second Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, Felony Bail Jumping, Battery, Obstructing an Officer and Disorderly Conduct in case 2021CF004596. The most recent case against Mr. Brooks was appropriately

charged. The State made a cash bail request in this case of \$1,000, which was set by the court. The defendant posted \$1,000 cash bail on November 11, resulting in his release from custody.

The State's bail recommendation in this case was inappropriately low in light of the nature of the recent charges and the pending charges against Mr. Brooks. The bail recommendation in this case is not consistent with the approach of the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office toward matters involving violent crime, nor was it consistent with the risk assessment of the defendant prior to setting of bail.

This office is currently conducting an internal review of the decision to make the recent bail recommendation in this matter in order to determine the appropriate next steps.