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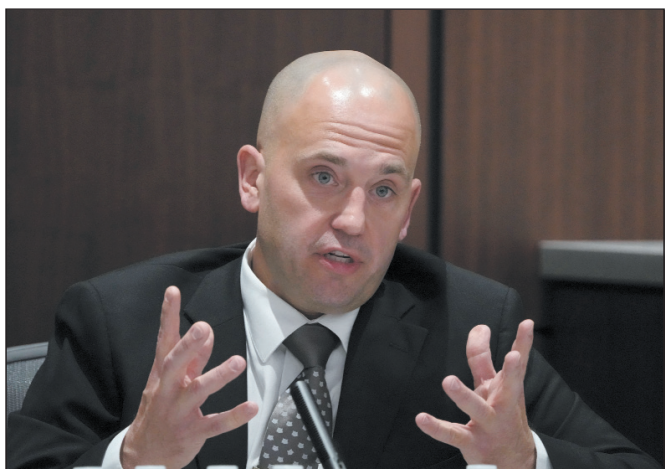
## Brooks: 'I understand my life is over'

### Police interrogation video shown in court; Defendant briefly removed after outburst



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Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge Jennifer Dorow addresses Darrell Brooks regarding his jurisdiction concerns he has repeated throughout the course of his trial in Waukesha County Circuit Court on Tuesday.



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Waukesha Detective Jay Carpenter testifies during Darrell Brooks' trial in Waukesha County Circuit Court on Tuesday.

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WAUKESHA — Waukesha Christmas Parade suspect Darrell Brooks Jr. had trouble watching a video of himself allegedly driving through the parade route shown to him during a police interrogation, portions of which were played during the 12th day of his trial Tuesday.

Brooks, 40, is charged with 76 crimes including six counts of homicide by the use of a dangerous weapon, 61 counts of recklessly endangering safety, six counts of hit-and-run causing death, and more after he allegedly drove a red Ford Escape through the Christmas Parade last Nov. 21.

In testimony continued from Monday, Waukesha Police Det. Jay Carpenter recounted what was shown during several snippets of nearly six hours of interrogation at the Muskego Police Department the day after the parade. He said Brooks was taken there after his arrest because Waukesha police lacked a holding cell while the Police Department was being renovated last fall.

Carpenter testified and videos showed that Brooks repeatedly said he'd tell officers what they wanted to



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Darrell Brooks appears in court during his trial in Waukesha County Circuit Court on Tuesday. Brooks, who is representing himself during the trial, is charged with driving into the Waukesha Christmas Parade last year, killing six people and injuring dozens more.

know if he told them what charges he was facing. After confronting Brooks with information that belied what he told officers earlier, Carpenter played a piece of video showing the red Ford Escape Brooks is alleged to have driven through the Waukesha South Marching Band unit, telling him to "just watch something for me."

"More incriminating stuff. I'm already like I'm about to lose my life, man," Brooks said. "Why do you want me

to watch it?" ... "Watch it for me," Carpenter replied as he began to play the clip on a cellphone. "Because I want you to see what's in the video. ... Did you watch it?"

"No," Brooks replied. "Will you? ... Why don't you want to watch it?" Carpenter asked.

"All I'm thinking about right now is what a hell of a journey it's been but is this how my story ends? That's all I been thinking about," Brooks said.

"Will you look down?" Carpenter asked again, directing Brooks to the phone held in front of him. "Why do you want me to see that, Carp?" Brooks asked.

"Because it's important to see what happens," Carpenter said.

"You already told me what happened. ... I understand my life is over. I am trying to come to grips with that. I am trying to come to grips with

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## Two women charged in non-fatal Waukesha hotel shooting

### Both are Texans; victim, also female, lives in Mississippi

WAUKESHA — Two women are facing charges after an incident at a Waukesha hotel on Monday night. Officers responded to 2520 Plaza Court, the Extended Stay motel, after 7:30 p.m. for multiple 911 callers reporting hearing gunshots, according to Waukesha Police Capt. Dan Baumann.

A female on the first floor reportedly sustained a single gunshot wound to the leg. There was a very large crowd creating confusion for police. Officers received inaccurate information from highly emotional and angry people (who were later to be determined to be family member/witnesses).

"Witnesses and family members intentionally provided inaccurate information to officers, which hin-

dered the progress of the investigation," Baumann said.

Officers discovered that a man from Texas was working in the area. A female acquaintance of his was staying with him while he was working. That female who was later identified as the victim, who resides in Mississippi. Another female who is an acquaintance of the man who resides in Texas traveled up here with her four children to visit him.

"Due to the dynamics of this situation a physical altercation ensued. A firearm was dropped on the ground during this physical fight. A female residing in Texas fired one round from a handgun, striking the victim who resides in Mississippi in the leg," Baumann said.

The suspect who fired the hand-

gun was arrested, with the weapon, a short time later after an additional female was arrested. Both suspects reside in Texas.

A 45-year-old woman is facing charges of substantial battery — intentional bodily harm and a 21-year-old woman is facing charges of endangering safety by use of dangerous weapon. Both were scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday afternoon.

The initial responding officer applied a tourniquet to the victim, which stopped the bleeding and gave her valuable time until she could receive advanced care from the Waukesha Fire Department, Baumann said.

No other officers or citizens were injured during this incident.



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Waukesha firefighters prepare to battle the blaze Monday afternoon.

## Man suffers burns in Genesee barn fire

TOWN OF GENESEE — A man suffered burns to his face during a barn fire on Saylesville Road in the Town of Genesee on Monday afternoon, according to the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office.

Shortly before 3:30 p.m. sheriff's deputies along with Lake Country Fire & Rescue responded to a barn fully engulfed in fire. Deputies encountered an individual who suffered burn injuries to

his face. He was transported to a local hospital and remains in stable condition.

The barn was not used to house any animals and was used to store and work on cars. The roads surrounding the fire were closed to facilitate fire suppression and investigation.

This investigation remains under investigation by the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office.

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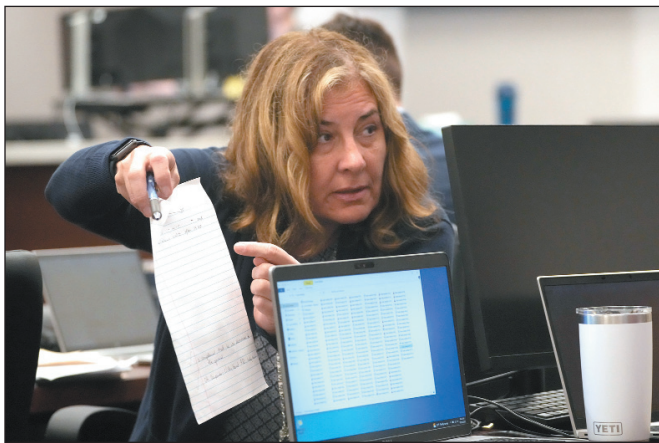
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Waukesha County District Attorney Susan Opper appears in court during Darrell Brooks' trial in Waukesha County Circuit Court on Tuesday.



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Assistant Waukesha District Attorney Lesli Boese, right, talks with her team during Darrell Brooks' trial in Waukesha County Circuit Court Tuesday.

## Brooks

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the fact that this is how my story ends, from trying to love somebody. I never see my kids again, my mom. My relationship is gone for me. It's like what is it to look at it for, is it to see my life end? Is it looking at my life ending?"

Carpenter tried again to get Brooks to watch the video. "These are children right there. See that kid right there?" he said. In reply, Brooks put his head down on the table before him, on top of still images taken from videos of the parade incident.

### Two interrogations

Carpenter testified regarding the two interrogations he had with Brooks. The first came the night of the incident, in which Brooks was questioned at a police holding room at ProHealth Care Waukesha Memorial Hospital, in an interview recorded both on audio and video that lacked sound. The interview took place there after Brooks was cleared following his complaint of shoulder pain stemming, he said, from being slammed to the ground during his arrest; video played Monday showed he fol-

lowed officers' directions to get down on the ground without help.

Parts of the audio were played in court, in which Brooks gives basic personal information, discussing his three children and how he was born in Detroit but grew up in Milwaukee. He said he wasn't working at the time, and that his last job was in a sheet metal factory.

Carpenter testified the conversation that night was friendly, but Brooks seemed surprised to learn that FBI agents also were there. Carpenter testified they were there to explore whether the parade incident was tied to terrorism. Carpenter told Brooks they were investigating a loitering complaint and possible prowling charges.

The next day, Carpenter said, he told Brooks he had received information about a domestic incident involving Erika Patterson — with whom Brooks has a daughter — who testified at the start of the trial about the incident at Frame Park preceding the parade. Carpenter testified he tried to build a rapport with Brooks before assessing his truthfulness. He wanted to avoid giving Brooks more information as that would be an opportunity to lie about it,



A video is shown as evidence of Darrell Brooks being interviewed by Waukesha Detectives Jay Carpenter (left) and Ben Stern at the Muskego Police Department following the Nov. 21 Waukesha Christmas Parade tragedy, during Brooks' trial in Waukesha County Circuit Court on Tuesday.



Juan Marquez (right), who was hit, along with his son, by the SUV in the Waukesha Christmas Parade, testifies with the aid of Patrick Ryan, a certified interpreter, during Darrell Brooks' trial in Waukesha County Circuit Court on Tuesday.

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he said.

Carpenter said a recurring theme of his interrogations saw Brooks offering to tell police what they wanted to know if he told them what charges he was facing, with him telling Brooks he didn't have all those details as the investigation was still unfolding.

Brooks also complained in the second day's interview of pain in his right shoulder that he alleged was from police slamming him to the ground during his arrest. But at points in video clips, Brooks was seen waving his arms about, demonstrating a full range of motion as he talked. Carpenter said "It seemed and felt deceptive. It was perhaps a stalling tactic."

A few minutes later, Brooks moved his right shoulder and exclaimed, "I know you heard that. Oh, my god. ... Gotta be something wrong, man. ... Whatever they did hurts so bad." But when the detectives stepped out of the interview room, Brooks turns his attention to papers on the table before him and tries the telephone. "As soon as the door opens, Mr. Brooks suddenly places his face in his hands and is suddenly in despair again," Carpenter said.

### Unraveling

Brooks relayed a story about getting a ride from a friend to Waukesha to watch a football game at a friend's house and agreed to meet with Patterson despite a no-contact order — he described it happening at a park with a body of water and enough

people around where he'd be seen if a domestic incident occurred — and went back to his friend's house to see a fight there and left, walking to a home to summon a ride.

Carpenter described a clip of video shown in court as him confronting Brooks with evidence that belied his story; that a key to his mother's car was found in his pocket, and the phone Brooks said was lost during his arrest was in the SUV.

When he offered Brooks a reset to tell the truth, Carpenter asked Brooks what he would want to see happen if it was his child with a broken leg.

"So a kid got hurt then?" Brooks asked.

"A lot of people did," Carpenter told him.

"Are you serious? ... Like bad?"

"Broken legs and stuff, like I told ya, concussions, their head —" Carpenter said.

"Man, I wouldn't want to see that happen to nobody," Brooks said.

When Stern told Brooks to tell them what happened, Brooks said, "Listen, man. Y'all know, y'all know if I did not, Mr. Brooks suddenly places his face in his hands and is suddenly in despair again," Carpenter said.

Carpenter testified that over two days of questioning, Brooks never answered the question of what led him to drive through the parade. He added after another question in direct examination that Brooks never asked how the

victims were doing.

At another point in the second interview, Brooks asked Carpenter: "You know that when you said it wasn't an end-of-the-world type thing?"

"Because nothing's the end of the world ... not when you have God in your life. That's what I believe, anyway," Carpenter replied.

"I believe that too, but you don't want to have God in your life when you are sitting in prison," Brooks said. "Can't see your family. Can't see nobody. What does it matter then?"

### Other developments

Also on Tuesday, Brooks called his first defense witness. Juan Marquez was originally also on the state's witness list, but an interpreter was needed and although the state no longer intended to call him, Carpenter's time on the stand was interrupted to take advantage of the interpreter's availability. Marquez testified he was marching with the Catholic Community of Waukesha unit when he was hit from behind by a vehicle as it sped by, thrown about 15 to 20 feet and sustained left leg injuries that required surgery.

Brooks began muttering comments after his repeated objections were overruled during Marquez's cross-examination, referring to "judicial misconduct at its finest." He accused Judge Jennifer Dorow of wanting to "fix the trial because (she didn't) want to tell the whole truth to the

jury." Dorow warned Brooks he could be removed from the courtroom to an adjacent one if his disruptions persisted, and when he challenged her on that, the courtroom was cleared while Brooks was led away. When it resumed after a break, Dorow recounted Brooks' repeated interruptions and random comments, explained her rationale for removing Brooks, and instructed the jury not to let it affect their deliberations. Dorow also extended an "open invitation" for Brooks to return to the courtroom if he can follow rules of civility and decorum; Brooks asked to return and was allowed to do so immediately.

District Attorney Susan Opper said she expected the state would conclude presenting its case today, which includes the jury's viewing of the SUV used in the incident. That is scheduled for around noon today and is to take place in a secure area. Media will not be allowed in the area, but Dorow instructed the sheriff's department to make a contemporaneous video to be available to the public later. Brooks asked if he needed to be present for that; Dorow required him to attend.



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Darrell Brooks appears by video from an adjacent courtroom after being removed by Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge Jennifer Dorow (right) during his trial in Waukesha County Circuit Court on Tuesday.

# Delafield council approves medium-density residential on St. Johns Road properties

DELAFIELD — The Common Council unanimously approved an ordinance amending the 2030 Comprehensive Plan — Land Use Plan Map from the Institutional category to the Medium-Density Residential category on properties located on St. Johns Road and Wisconsin Avenue Monday.

On Aug. 15, the council held a public hearing proposing high-density residential. Many opposed that during the public hearing and encouraged the city to go to medium-density, hence Monday night's public hearing and discussion, according to City Administrator and Public Works Director Tom Hafner.

No one spoke at the public hearing held at the beginning of Monday's 7 p.m. meeting.

The project still requires a zoning change and a site plan approval by the Plan Commission. The next commission meeting is scheduled for Oct. 26, according to Hafner.

The city is meeting with developer Chris Miller,

owner of Miller Marriott Construction, today to discuss which agenda he plans to be on. It was unknown before deadline if he will be on the October agenda.

### Special meeting

A Joint Common Council and Plan Commission meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. Monday night in which Waukesha County Executive Director Nicole Ryf covered background on the WCCG and ways in which they support Delafield as one of their municipal partners.

She also provided data about the need for business park development in Waukesha County with potential considerations for Delafield as they evaluate Highway 83 corridor for opportunities.

"As Waukesha County's economic development organization, the Center for Growth works closely with businesses and communities to provide economic development assistance," said Ryf. "As a community

partner of ours, the city of Delafield recently invited us to present at its joint Common Council/Plan Commission meeting."

Almost 80% of businesses in Waukesha County have indicated that they plan to grow in the next three years, according to Ryf. And nearly 50% of businesses are already maxed out in their current locations.

The presentation provided insight on the potential for Delafield if they do consider allowing low-density business park/light indus-

trial uses to specific sections of Highway 83, according to Ryf during her presentation to the council and commission.

## Lottery

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