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Flint rapper Cliff Mac charged in murder-for-hire plot



FLINT- A Flint rapper was recently charged for hiring a man to murder a Sterling Heights woman for \$10,000 in cash announced United States Attorney Dawn N. Ison.

Joining in the announcement were James A. Tarasca, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Detroit Division, and Special Agent in Charge Paul D. Vanderplow, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Detroit Field Division.

A federal grand jury issued a superseding indictment charging Clifton E. Terry, III, a.k.a. "Cliff Mac," 31, of Flint with conspiracy to commit murder-for-hire resulting in personal injury, murder-for-hire resulting in personal injury, and using a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. The grand jury had previously indicted defendant Andre D. Sims, 25, of Grand Rapids, on March 16, 2022, for his role in the murder-for-hire plot with Terry.

According to the indictment, Terry solicited Sims to murder a female Sterling Heights resident for \$10,000 in cash. On November 27, 2020, Sims traveled from Grand Rapids to Flint where he obtained a vehicle. In the early morning of November 28, 2020, Sims drove to the victim's residence in Sterling Heights and parked across the street. When the victim left her residence several hours later Sims approached her vehicle and fired seven to eight gunshots at the victim. Despite being shot multiple times, the victim survived. The shooting was captured on the victim's home security system. After the shooting, Sims drove to a nearby apartment complex where he abandoned his vehicle. Shortly thereafter, Terry picked

Sims up from the apartment complex. Terry later agreed to pay Sims \$2,500 for the failed hit.

Terry is also charged with first degree murder in a separate case in Genesee County Circuit Court for his alleged role in the August 17, 2021, killing of Devaroe Davis.

Sims was recently sentenced to life in prison following his murder conviction in the Kent County Circuit Court for the shooting death of a 65-year-old woman. Based on the charges of conspiring to commit murder-for-hire and for committing murder-for-hire resulting in personal injury, Terry faces a maximum of twenty years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. Based on the charge of aiding and abetting the use and discharge of a firearm during a crime of violence, Terry faces a mandatory minimum of ten years in prison and a maximum of life in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case was investigated by special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosive, with assistance from the Sterling Heights Police Department, the Flint Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Michigan State Police, Oakland County Sheriff's Office, and the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Jules DePorre, Anthony Vance, and Tim Turkelson.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. Each defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Muskegon man sentenced to 25 years for sexually exploiting a child



GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN — Jeffrey David Paprocki, 33, from Muskegon, Michigan was sentenced to serve 300 months in the Federal Bureau of Prisons for producing pictures of his sexual assault of a 7-year-old child.

U.S. District Judge Janet T. Neff also imposed 10 years of supervised release following his release from custody. In sentencing Paprocki to serve 25 years in prison, Judge Neff expressed her desire to protect the community and send a strong message of deterrence to others. Paprocki was also ordered to pay restitution to the victims.

A deputy with the Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Sheriff's Office was working undercover in a messaging application that is commonly used by individuals interested in sexually abusing children. The deputy identified Paprocki as someone who possessed and distributed child pornography. In a separate investigation by the FBI in Connecticut, an undercover FBI agent engaged in a chat conversation with an individual who was boasting that he was sexually assaulting a 7-year-old child. During that conversation, the individual stated that he planned on assaulting the child later that night. The FBI initiated emergency procedures to identify the person and locate him. The FBI connected the new case with the lead identified by the deputy in Wisconsin and that same day secured a search warrant. Paprocki confessed to sexually assaulting the child and to producing pictures of the assault. He was arrested that night and initially charged in a federal criminal complaint.

The U.S. Attorney's Office filed federal charges against Paprocki for the production and possession of child pornography. The Muskegon County Prosecutor's Office charged Paprocki for the sexual assault of the 7-year-old child. As part of a joint resolution, Paprocki pleaded guilty to production and possession of child pornography in federal court and agreed to plead guilty to the sexual assault charge in Muskegon County.

U.S. Attorney Mark Totten stated, "Mr. Paprocki's conduct is horrific. This

child depended on Mr. Paprocki and he abused that dependence for his own sexual pleasure. My office, working with our partners, will find and hold child exploiters accountable."

"Protecting children from dangerous child predators is a priority for the FBI. The crimes committed by these offenders cause incalculable damage to their young victims," said James A. Tarasca, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI in Michigan. "Today's sentence, in combination with the sentence he is facing in state court, holds Mr. Paprocki accountable for his conduct and ensures he cannot harm any more children. Cases like this one illustrate the commitment of the FBI and its law enforcement partners to identify, investigate, and hold predators like him accountable."

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. The U.S. Attorney's Office, county prosecutor's offices, the Internet Crimes Against Children task force (ICAC), federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement are working closely together to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children. The partners in Project Safe Childhood work to educate local communities about the dangers of online child exploitation, and to teach children how to protect themselves. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit the following website: www.projectsafefchildhood.gov. Individuals with information or concerns about possible child exploitation should contact local law enforcement officials.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Mekaru, in cooperation with the Muskegon County Prosecutor's Office, and investigated by Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Sheriff's Office, FBI in Connecticut, and WEBCHEX - "West Michigan Based Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force," a partnership of FBI, Michigan State Police, and local agencies dedicated to investigating offenses against children.

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