

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Criminal No. 10-
 :
 v. : 18 U.S.C. § 1951(a)
 :
 ORLANDO GARCIA : I N F O R M A T I O N

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by Indictment, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges that:

Conspiracy to Obstruct Interstate Commerce
by Armed Robbery

1. At all times relevant to this Information:
 - a. Defendant ORLANDO GARCIA (hereinafter, "defendant GARCIA") was a resident of New York City and formerly employed as a patrolman in the 34th Precinct of the New York Police Department ("NYPD"), which covers the areas of Washington Heights and Inwood in New York City.
 - b. Richard LeBlanca (hereinafter, "LeBLANCA") was an acquaintance and co-conspirator of defendant GARCIA, and was employed as a patrolman in the 34th Precinct of the NYPD.
 - c. Kelvin L. Jones, a/k/a "Mike Smith," (hereinafter, "JONES") was an acquaintance and co-conspirator of defendant GARCIA, and was employed as a patrolman in the 46th Precinct of the NYPD, which covers the western areas of the Bronx, New York. He formerly was assigned to the 34th Precinct of the NYPD.

d. Brian Checo (hereinafter, "CHECO") was an acquaintance and co-conspirator of defendant GARCIA, and was employed as a patrolman in the 34th Precinct of the NYPD.

e. There was an individual (hereinafter, "the Individual") who was an acquaintance and co-conspirator of defendant GARCIA, LeBLANCA, JONES, and CHECO.

f. In Style USA, Inc., a distributor of various high-end perfumes and fragrances, was a corporation that operated and maintained a warehouse located in Carlstadt, New Jersey (hereinafter, "the Storage Facility"). In Style USA, Inc. used the Storage Facility for, among other purposes, storage of various types of perfume that were sold at an In Style USA, Inc. site located in Manhattan.

2. From in or about December 2009 to in or about February 2010, defendant GARCIA agreed with LeBLANCA, JONES, CHECO, the Individual, and others to commit the armed robbery, and thereafter did endeavor to carry out the armed robbery, of the Storage Facility, targeting in excess of \$500,000 worth of perfume and other merchandise. Aspects of this criminal conduct included, but were not limited to, the following:

a. Beginning in or about December 2009 to in or about February 2010, LeBLANCA and CHECO agreed with JONES, at JONES's request, to participate in the robbery. To assist in the robbery, LeBLANCA enlisted defendant GARCIA and the Individual.

Defendant GARCIA was informed by LeBLANCA that defendant GARCIA would be paid between approximately \$3,000 and \$5,000 for his participation in the robbery.

b. On or about February 9, 2010, defendant GARCIA, accompanied LeBLANCA, JONES, CHECO, and the Individual to a truck rental facility located in Jersey City, New Jersey (hereinafter, "the NJ Truck Rental Facility"), where two box trucks were rented for the transport of the merchandise to be stolen from the Storage Facility. At the NJ Truck Rental Facility, GARCIA, at the request of JONES and LeBLANCA, paid for one of the two rental trucks with defendant GARCIA's Visa credit card. Thereafter, defendant GARCIA, who was driving LeBLANCA's car, followed JONES and LeBLANCA, who were driving the two rental trucks, to the Storage Facility.

c. After arriving at the Storage Facility, defendant GARCIA, LeBLANCA, JONES, CHECO and the Individual entered the Storage Facility office while possessing firearms (some police-issued weapons) and NYPD-issued badges. After encountering approximately eleven (11) company employees (hereinafter, collectively referred to as "the Victims"), defendant GARCIA, LeBLANCA, JONES, CHECO, and the Individual restrained the Victims, tying their hands behind their backs with plastic ties, and holding them hostage.

d. As the Victims were held in the Storage Facility

office, several other conspirators loaded hundreds of boxes of perfume from the Storage Facility onto several of the trucks that were on site and that were to be used to transport the stolen perfume from the Storage Facility.

e. After approximately one hour, defendant GARCIA, LeBLANCA, JONES, CHECO, and the Individual left the Storage Facility, while the remaining conspirators finished removing the boxes of perfume.

f. Later that evening, on or about February 9, 2010, defendant GARCIA, LeBLANCA, JONES, and CHECO, at JONES's direction, met at a location in New York City where a plan to conceal their involvement in the robbery was developed in response to the fact that Carlstadt police officers had apprehended some of the remaining conspirators at the Storage Facility.

g. On or about February 10, 2010, defendant GARCIA, in an effort to conceal his involvement in this armed robbery, contacted his credit card company and, at JONES's direction, cancelled defendant GARCIA's credit card after falsely reporting that it had been stolen, in order to cover up the fact that he had given his credit card information to the rental representative, at the NJ Truck Rental Facility, in connection with the rental of some of the trucks used in the robbery.

3. From in or about December 2009 to in or about

February 2010, in Bergen County, in the District of New Jersey
and elsewhere, defendant

ORLANDO GARCIA

did knowingly and willfully conspire with LeBLANCA, JONES, CHECO,
the Individual and others to obstruct, delay and affect commerce
and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by
robbery.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section
1951(a).



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