

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :  
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 v. : Criminal No. 12-227 (JHR)  
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 RONNIE RUFFIN : 18 U.S.C. § 4

**SUPERSEDING INFORMATION**

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

**Background**

1. At all times relevant to this Information:
  - a. Defendant RONNIE RUFFIN was a resident of Lindenwold, New Jersey.
  - b. H.R., a co-conspirator not charged as a defendant herein, was a resident of Sicklerville, New Jersey.
  - c. I.R. was a resident of Atlantic City, New Jersey. I.R. was related to defendant RONNIE RUFFIN and co-conspirator H.R.
  - d. D.H. was a resident of Atlantic City, New Jersey. D.H. knew and was friendly with I.R.
  - e. S.S. was a resident of Atlantic City, New Jersey and was related to I.R. S.S.'s father was defendant RONNIE RUFFIN.
  - f. A.Z. was a resident of Atlantic City, New Jersey and was related to I.R.
  - g. Victim #1 was a resident of Atlantic City, New Jersey and had a child with D.H.

h. Victim #5 was a resident of Atlantic City, New Jersey.

i. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) was a member of the Executive Branch of the United States, responsible for investigating various violations of federal law, including Hobbs Act robbery, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a) and kidnapping, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1201.

#### The Assault

2. On or about March 23, 2011, D.H. met with I.R. in the courtyard area of the housing complex on North Maryland Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey, known as the “Back Maryland” area of Atlantic City, to talk to I.R. about a dispute between I.R. and Victim #1. After a brief conversation, D.H. viciously assaulted I.R., knocking I.R. unconscious and robbing I.R. of United States currency. When I.R. regained consciousness, D.H. assaulted I.R. again. As a result of the assault, I.R. was treated at the Atlantic City Medical Center for a possible concussion and facial lacerations.

3. After I.R. was released from the hospital, S.S. and A.Z. visited I.R. During the visit, I.R. told S.S. that D.H. assaulted him.

#### The Retaliation

4. To retaliate for the vicious assault on I.R., S.S. planned to enter Victim #1's house and assault and rob Victim #1 of illegal drugs and money, some of which Victim #1 earned from distributing illegal drugs.

5. On or about March 26, 2011, S.S., A.Z., and D.H. entered Victim #1's house and duct-taped Victim #1 and four other women who were present, identified herein as Victims #2,

#3, #4 and #5. During the robbery, Victim #5 recognized S.S.'s voice. As a result, S.S., A.Z., and D.H. took Victim #5 from the residence in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

6. On or about the late evening of March 26, 2011 or early morning of March 27, 2011, S.S. called co-conspirator H.R. several times and eventually met co-conspirator H.R. in Camden County, New Jersey.

7. After meeting with co-conspirator H.R., S.S., A.Z. and D.H. drove Victim #5 to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where she was shot in the head and killed. After being shot, Victim #5's body was dumped in the Schuylkill River.

8. On or about the morning of March 27, 2011, co-conspirator H.R. met with S.S. at a residence in Sicklerville, New Jersey.

#### The Investigation

9. During the course of the investigation into the Hobbs Act robbery of Victim #1 and the kidnapping of Victim #5, on several occasions in or about April 2011, Special Agents of the FBI interviewed, and attempted to interview, I.R. regarding the March 23, 2011 assault and the March 26, 2011 Hobbs Act robbery.

10. On or about April 19, 2011, Victim #5's body was recovered from the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

11. Between on or about March 26, 2011 through October 18, 2011, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, the defendant,

RONNIE RUFFIN,

having knowledge of the actual commission of a felony cognizable by a Court of the United States, that is, conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act robbery, contrary to Title 18, United States Code,

Section 1951(a) and kidnapping, contrary to Title 18, United States Code, 1201, did knowingly and willfully conceal and fail to make known the same as soon as possible to a judge and other person in civil and military authority under the United States, that is, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 4.



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