

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO. _____
	:	
v.	:	DATE FILED: _____
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BUU HUU TRUONG,	:	VIOLATIONS:
a/k/a, "Thanh,"	:	18 U.S.C. § 1951 (conspiracy to commit
THACH VAN NGUYEN,	:	robbery which interferes with interstate
a/k/a, "Michael,"	:	commerce - 1 count)
DEN VAN NGUYEN,	:	18 U.S.C. § 1951 (robbery which
a/k/a "Son,"	:	interferes with interstate commerce - 1
TAHN LE,	:	count)
a/k/a "Lee,"	:	18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1) (carrying, using, and
a/k/a "Tahn Lee"	:	brandishing a firearm during and in
	:	relation to a crime of violence - 1 count)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 922(g) (possession of a firearm
	:	by a convicted felon - 4 counts)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 2 (aiding and abetting)

INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

At all times relevant to this indictment in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere:

1. The following businesses were engaged in interstate commerce:
 - a. Nail Trix, located at 312 Stroud Mall, Route 611, Stroudsburg, PA;
 - b. Nail Trix, located at RR14, Box 3, Bartonsville Plaza, Stroudsburg, PA;
 - c. Signature Spa, located at 400 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ.

THE ROBBERY CONSPIRACY

2. From on or about January 1, 2010, through on or about January 26, 2010, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, defendants

**BUU HUU TRUONG,
a/k/a “Thanh,”
THACH VAN NGUYEN,
a/k/a “Michael,”
DEN VAN NGUYEN,
a/k/a “Son,” and
TAHN LE,
a/k/a “Lee,”
a/k/a “Tahn Lee,”**

conspired and agreed together, and with Teo Van Bui, who is charged elsewhere, to commit an armed robbery, which would unlawfully obstruct, delay, and affect commerce, and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, in that defendants BUU HUU TRUONG, THACH VAN NGUYEN, DEN VAN NGUYEN, and TAHN LE and Teo Van Bui conspired to unlawfully take and obtain personal property, including money and other items of value, from the person and in the presence of others and against their will, by means of actual and threatened force, violence, and fear of injury, immediate and future, to their person and property, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951(a), (b)(1), and (b)(3).

MANNER AND MEANS

3. It was part of this conspiracy that defendants BUU HUU TRUONG, THACH VAN NGUYEN, DEN VAN NGUYEN, and TAHN LE and Teo Van Bui:

a. met together to plan an armed robbery of the business proceeds of the businesses listed in paragraph 1 (hereinafter “the Businesses”);

- b. armed themselves with weapons, including two handguns;
- c. assaulted, threatened, and intimidated the owner of the Businesses (hereinafter “the Owner”) and his family members; and
- d. stole jewelry, cash, and other personal property from the Owner.

OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of this conspiracy, defendants BUU HUU TRUONG, THACH VAN NGUYEN, DEN VAN NGUYEN, and TAHN LE and Teo Van Bui committed the following overt acts, among others, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere:

1. In or about January 2010, defendants BUU HUU TRUONG, THACH VAN NGUYEN, DEN VAN NGUYEN, and TAHN LE and Teo Van Bui:
 - a. met at or near a pool hall close to the intersection of Washington Avenue and Sixth Streets in Philadelphia;
 - b. discussed the fact that they believed that the Owner kept a large amount of proceeds from the Businesses in his residence;
 - c. planned a trip to drive to the Owner’s residence to rob him of the proceeds of the Businesses.
2. On or about January 26, 2010, defendants BUU HUU TRUONG, THACH VAN NGUYEN, DEN VAN NGUYEN, and TAHN LE and Teo Van Bui,
 - a. drove together from Philadelphia to the residence of the Owner;
 - b. waited for the Owner to arrive home and disable his alarm system;
 - c. entered the Owner’s residence carrying firearms;

- d. brandished weapons at and threatened the Owner;
- e. assaulted the Owner by pushing him to the floor;
- f. restrained the Owner with duct tape;
- g. stole jewelry, cash, and other personal property from the Owner.

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

COUNT TWO

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

1. Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of Count One of this indictment are incorporated here.
2. On or about January 26, 2010, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, defendants

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DEN VAN NGUYEN,
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TAHN LE,
a/k/a "Lee,"
a/k/a "Tahn Lee,"**

and Teo Van Bui, who is charged elsewhere, obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, and attempted to do so, by robbery, in that defendants BUU HUU TRUONG, THACH VAN NGUYEN, DEN VAN NGUYEN, and TAHN LE and Teo Van Bui unlawfully took and obtained, and aided and abetted the unlawful taking and obtaining of, personal property, that is, jewelry, cash, and other items from the person or in the presence of the owner of nail salons, and against his will, by means of actual and threatened force, violence, and fear of injury, immediate and future, to the person and property, by brandishing firearms, pointing firearms at the owner and his family, restraining the owner with duct tape, and demanding money and other valuables.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a) and 2.

COUNT THREE

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about January 26, 2010, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, defendants

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THACH VAN NGUYEN,
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DEN VAN NGUYEN,
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and Teo Van Bui, who is charged elsewhere, knowingly brandished, used, and carried, and aided and abetted the use and carrying of, a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence for which they may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, conspiracy to commit robbery which interferes with interstate commerce and robbery which interferes with interstate commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1) and 2.

COUNT FOUR

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about January 26, 2010, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, defendant

**BUU HUU TRUONG,
a/k/a "Thanh,"**

having been convicted in a court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and of the United States of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed in and affecting interstate commerce a firearm, that is, a 7.65 Model Automatic Pistol Titanic Patent handgun manufactured by Retolaza Hermanos, loaded with six rounds of ammunition, and a Smith and Wesson handgun, model 5903, serial number TDJ6466, loaded with five rounds of ammunition.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(e).

COUNT FIVE

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about January 26, 2010, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, defendant

**THACH VAN NGUYEN,
a/k/a "Michael,"**

having been convicted in a court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed in and affecting interstate commerce a firearm, that is, a 7.65 Model Automatic Pistol Titanic Patent handgun manufactured by Retolaza Hermanos loaded with six rounds of ammunition, and a Smith and Wesson handgun, model 5903, serial number TDJ6466, loaded with five rounds of ammunition.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1).

COUNT SIX

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about January 26, 2010, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, defendant

**DEN VAN NGUYEN,
a/k/a "Son,"**

having been convicted in a court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed in and affecting interstate commerce a firearm, that is, a 7.65 Model Automatic Pistol Titanic Patent handgun manufactured by Retolaza Hermanos loaded with six rounds of ammunition, and a Smith and Wesson handgun, model 5903, serial number TDJ6466, loaded with five rounds of ammunition.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(e).

COUNT SEVEN

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about January 26, 2010, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, defendant

**TAHN LE,
a/k/a "Lee,"
a/k/a "Tahn Lee,"**

having been convicted in a court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed in and affecting interstate commerce a firearm, that is, a 7.65 Model Automatic Pistol Titanic Patent handgun manufactured by Retolaza Hermanos loaded with six rounds of ammunition, and a Smith and Wesson handgun, model 5903, serial number TDJ6466, loaded with five rounds of ammunition.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(e).

A TRUE BILL:

GRAND JURY FOREPERSON



**ZANE DAVID MEMEGER
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY**