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FORMER FORT SAM HOUSTON CONTRACTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO SOLICITING AN UNDERCOVER AGENT TO KILL HER HUSBAND

In San Antonio, 53-year-old Martha Perry Evanoff faces up to 20 years in federal prison after pleading guilty this afternoon to soliciting a hitman to kill her husband announced United States Attorney Robert Pitman and FBI Special Agent in Charge Armando Fernandez.

Appearing before United States District Judge Xavier Rodriguez, Evanoff pleaded guilty to one count of criminal solicitation. According to court documents, in June, Evanoff, who at the time was in the middle of divorce proceedings, solicited three individuals on Fort Sam Houston to kill her husband. Based upon that information and unbeknownst to Evanoff, FBI agents arranged for Evanoff to meet with an individual acting in an undercover capacity on July 21, 2012. During that meeting, Evanoff paid \$2,000 to have her husband murdered and provided the undercover operative her husband's phone number, a vehicle description, his work address and the location where he lived. Evanoff also explained to the undercover operative that she did not want her husband's body to be found, but that it should appear he was a missing person, rather than a murder victim. FBI agents, who were monitoring the meeting, subsequently arrested Evanoff.

Evanoff remains in federal custody pending sentencing. No sentencing date has been scheduled.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation together with the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division at Fort Sam Houston. Assistant United States Attorney Bettina Richardson is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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