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RICHARD KHAMIR HURD PLEADS GUILTY IN ROBERT GRIFFIN III EXTORTION ATTEMPT

Today in Waco, 26-year-old Richard Khamir Hurd of Waco, pleaded guilty to federal charges in connection with an attempt to extort money from Robert Griffin III announced **United States Attorney Robert Pitman and Federal Bureau of Investigation San Antonio Division Special Agent in Charge Armando Fernandez.**

Appearing before United States District Judge Walter S. Smith, Hurd pleaded guilty to an Information charging him with interstate communication of a threat to injure the property or reputation of another person and receiving the proceeds of extortion.

By pleading guilty, Hurd admitted that between June 14, 2012 and June 22, 2012, he contacted one of Robert Griffin III's agents initially demanding \$1,000,000 or else he would release information to the media which he claimed would severely damage Robert Griffin III's reputation. According to court documents, during negotiations with Griffin's agent conducted at the direction of the FBI, Hurd agreed to accept a lesser sum of \$120,000 in exchange for the information and signing a "non-disclosure" agreement. On June 22, 2012, Hurd appeared in a Waco law office where he signed the "non-disclosure" agreement and collected a check for \$120,000. Afterwards, FBI agents arrested Hurd.

Hurd, who is currently on bond, faces up to two years and three years in federal prison, respectively, for interstate communication of a threat and receipt of extortion proceeds. Sentencing is scheduled for 1:00 pm on November 21, 2012, before Judge Smith.

This investigation was conducted by agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation with assistance from the Waco Police Department and the Woodway Department of Public Safety. This matter is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Greg Gloff.

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