

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
HAMMOND DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
 v.)
)
 THOMAS WILLIAMSON, SR.; and)
 JEFFREY VEACH)

CAUSE NO. 2 . 18 CR 89
18 U.S.C. § 1951
18 U.S.C. § 2

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INDICTMENT

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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

At _____ of
ROBERT N. TROVICH, Clerk
U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

COUNT 1

(Hobbs Act Extortion Conspiracy)

On or about January 7, 2016, within the Northern District of Indiana,

**THOMAS WILLIAMSON, SR.; and
JEFFREY VEACH,**

defendants herein, together with others, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to obstruct, delay, and affect commerce, and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, by extortion, in that the defendant and others agreed to obtain property, to wit:

(a) money, in the form of wages and employee benefits resulting from a labor contract, from John Doe #1, the owner of a steelworking company whose identity is known to the Grand Jury; and

(b) money, in the form of proceeds and profits resulting from a business contract, from John Doe #2, the owner of a construction company whose identity is known to the Grand Jury;

with those persons' consent, which consent was to be induced by wrongful use of actual and threatened force, violence, and fear, including fear of economic harm resulting from actual and threatened physical violence against non-union laborers.

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

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

COUNT 2

(Attempted Hobbs Act Extortion)

On or about January 7, 2016, within the Northern District of Indiana,

**THOMAS WILLIAMSON, SR.; and
JEFFREY VEACH,**

defendants herein, aided and abetted by one another and by others known and unknown to the grand jury, did knowingly and intentionally attempt to obstruct, delay, and affect commerce, and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, by extortion, in that the defendant and others attempted to obtain property, to wit: money, in the form of wages and employee benefits resulting from a labor contract, from John Doe #1, the owner of a steelworking company whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, with his consent, which consent was to be induced by wrongful use of actual and threatened force, violence, and fear, including fear of economic harm resulting from actual and threatened physical violence against non-union laborers.

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

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES:

COUNT 3

(Attempted Hobbs Act Extortion)

On or about January 7, 2016, within the Northern District of Indiana,

THOMAS WILLIAMSON, SR.; and
JEFFREY VEACH,

defendants herein, aided and abetted by one another and by others known and unknown to the grand jury, did knowingly and intentionally attempt to obstruct, delay, and affect commerce, and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, by extortion, in that the defendant and others attempted to obtain property, to wit: money, in the form of proceeds and profits resulting from a business contract, from John Doe #2, the owner of a construction company whose identity is known to the Grand Jury, with his consent, which consent was to be induced by wrongful use of actual and threatened force, violence, and fear, including fear of economic harm resulting from actual and threatened physical violence against non-union laborers.

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

A TRUE BILL

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