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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
)
DARIOUS R. JEFFERSON,)
a/k/a Darius Jefferson, and)
JASMINE SHARNAE MACKLIN)
)
Defendants.)

Criminal No. 18-30129-MJR

Title 18, United States Code,
Sections 1001, 1341

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT 1

MAIL FRAUD IN A SCHEME TO DEFRAUD THE PARENTS OF A FEDERAL INMATE

1. On or about September 21, 2017, in St. Clair County within the Southern District of Illinois, and elsewhere,

DARIOUS R. JEFFERSON, a/k/a Darius Jefferson

aided and abetted by

JASMINE SHARNAE MACKLIN,

defendants herein, did cause the foreseeable mailing of a United States Postal Service Express Mail package from "R. F." and "B. F." to Insp. Jasmine Macklin, P.O. Box 308, East St. Louis, IL 62205 in a scheme to defraud "R. F." and "B. F." and to obtain money by false representations and promises. The Express Mail package contained \$4,000 in cash in \$100 bills.

2. The money was represented to be needed for the release of their son from federal prison.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

COUNT 2

FALSE STATEMENT TO A UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTOR AND UNITED STATES DEPUTY MARSHAL

1. In December of 2017, the United States Postal Inspection Service was investigating a mail fraud scheme to defraud the parents of a federal inmate by falsely promising the release of their son if they would pay money.

2. On or about December 19, 2017, in Clinton County, within the Southern District of Illinois,

DARIOUS R. JEFFERSON, a/k/a Darius Jefferson

defendant, did willfully and knowingly make, and cause to be made, materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements and representations in a matter within the jurisdiction of a department or agency of the United States, attempting to obstruct the due administration of justice in the investigation, by telling a United States Postal Inspector and a United States Deputy Marshal during an interview that he did not know "S. F.," "R. F." or "B. F."

3. The statement was materially false in that **DARIOUS R. JEFFERSON** had served time in federal prison together with "S.F." and had received money from "S.F.'s" parents, "R. F." and "B. F." on the assurance that he was working to get "S.F." out of federal prison.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(2).

COUNT 3

FALSE STATEMENT TO A UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTOR AND UNITED STATES DEPUTY MARSHAL

1. In December of 2017, the United States Postal Inspection Service was investigating a mail fraud scheme to defraud the parents of a federal inmate by falsely promising the release of their son if they would pay money.

2. On or about December 19, 2017, in the Eastern District of Missouri and elsewhere affecting the Southern District of Illinois,

JASMINE SHARNAE MACKLIN,

defendant, did willfully and knowingly make, and cause to be made, materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements and representations in a matter within the jurisdiction of a department or agency of the United States, attempting to obstruct the due administration of justice in the investigation, by telling a United States Postal Inspector and a United States Deputy Marshal during an interview that "R. F." and "B. F." were her in-laws and were her friends that she met through her biological mother.

3. The statement was materially false in that **JASMINE SHARNAE MACKLIN**, aided and abetted by **DARIOUS R. JEFFERSON** sought and obtained money from "S.F.'s" parents "R. F." and "B. F." on the assurance that he was working to get "S.F." out of federal

prison. JASMINE SHARNAE MACKLIN was not related to "R. F." and "B. F." nor had they met through her mother.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(2).



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NORMAN R. SMITH
Assistant United States Attorney

Recommended bond: \$10,000 unsecured.