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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

MARCUS KIDD

Crim. No.

18 U.S.C. § 1951(a)

INFORMATION

The defendant, having waived in open court prosecution by Indictment, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

1. At all times relevant to this Information:

a. Defendant MARCUS KIDD was a Correctional Officer at the Salem County Correctional Facility ("Salem County Jail") in Woodstown, New Jersey.

b. Detainee 1 was a federal pretrial detainee at the Salem County Jail.

c. Confidential Human Source 1 ("CHS-1") was an associate of Detainee 1 who lived in New Jersey.

d. The Salem County Jail was a facility in New Jersey that held federal pretrial detainees by direction of, or pursuant to, a contract or agreement with the United States Attorney general.

2. Between in or about late May 2022 and on or about June 3, 2022, at the direction of law enforcement agents, CHS-1 communicated over the phone with defendant MARCUS KIDD. During these communications, defendant KIDD agreed to smuggle a phone into Salem County Jail and deliver the phone to Detainee 1 in exchange for a \$5,000 cash bribe from CHS-1. Defendant KIDD and CHS-1 agreed to meet in person in Elmer, New Jersey, on June 3, 2022, in order for CHS-1 to provide KIDD the cellular telephone and \$5,000 cash bribe.

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3. On or about June 3, 2022, agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") provided CHS-1 \$5,000 of FBI official funds and an activated cellular telephone that had been manufactured outside New Jersey. CHS-1 proceeded to meet with defendant MARCUS KIDD in a parking lot in Elmer, New Jersey. During their meeting, which was audio and video recorded, defendant KIDD took possession of the activated cellular telephone and \$5,000 cash bribe. Defendant KIDD also confirmed that, in exchange for the \$5,000 cash bribe, he would smuggle the cellular telephone into Salem County Jail and provide the cellular telephone to Detainee 1.

4. On or about June 3, 2022, in Salem County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

MARCUS KIDD,

did knowingly and intentionally attempt to obstruct, delay, and affect commerce and the movement of any article or commodity in commerce by extortion under color of official right, by attempting to accept a corrupt payment in exchange for MARCUS KIDD's official action and assistance in violation of his official duties at the Salem County Correctional Facility.

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

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