

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
**24-80116-CR-CANNON/MCCABE**  
CASE NO.

18 U.S.C. § 351(c)  
18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(ii)  
18 U.S.C. § 111(a)(1)  
18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)  
18 U.S.C. § 922(k)  
18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C)  
18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(G)  
18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1)

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

RYAN WESLEY ROUTH,

Defendant.

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INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

Attempted Assassination of a Major Presidential Candidate  
(18 U.S.C. § 351(c))

On or about September 15, 2024, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida, the defendant,

**RYAN WESLEY ROUTH,**

did intentionally attempt to kill Former President of the United States Donald J. Trump, a major Presidential candidate, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 351(c).

**COUNT 2**  
**Possessing a Firearm In Furtherance of a Crime of Violence**  
**(18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(ii))**

On or about September 15, 2024, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

**RYAN WESLEY ROUTH,**

did knowingly possess a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, that is, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 351(c), as set forth in Count 1 of this Indictment, for which the defendant may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A).

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(ii), it is further alleged that the firearm was brandished.

**COUNT 3**  
**Assaulting a Federal Officer**  
**(18 U.S.C. §§ 111(a)(1) and (b))**

On or about September 15, 2024, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida, the defendant,

**RYAN WESLEY ROUTH,**

did forcibly assault, oppose, impede, intimidate, and interfere with “Secret Service Special Agent #1,” an officer and employee of the United States, and of an agency in any branch of the United States Government, as designated in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1114, that is, the United States Secret Service, while Secret Service Special Agent #1 was engaged in, and on account of, the performance of his official duties, with the intent to commit another felony, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 111(a)(1).

Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 111(b), it is further alleged that the defendant used a deadly and dangerous weapon.

**COUNT 4**  
**Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition**  
**(18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1))**

On or about September 15, 2024, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

**RYAN WESLEY ROUTH,**

did knowingly possess a firearm and ammunition in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, knowing that he had previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

**COUNT 5**  
**Possession of a Firearm with an Obliterated Serial Number**  
**(18 U.S.C. § 922(k))**

On or about September 15, 2024, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

**RYAN WESLEY ROUTH,**

did knowingly possess a firearm, which has had the importer's and manufacturer's serial number removed, obliterated, and altered, and had, at any time, been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(k).

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS**

1. The allegations of this Indictment are hereby re-alleged and by this reference fully incorporated herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of certain property in which the defendant, **RYAN WESLEY ROUTH**, has an interest.

2. Upon conviction of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 351, as alleged in

this Indictment, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States (a) any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to such offense, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), and (b) all assets, foreign or domestic:

i. of any individual, entity, or organization engaged in planning or perpetrating any Federal crime of terrorism (as defined in Section 2332b(g)(5)) against the United States, citizens or residents of the United States, or their property, and all assets, foreign or domestic, affording any person a source of influence over any such entity or organization;

ii. acquired or maintained by any person with the intent and for the purpose of supporting, planning, conducting, or concealing any Federal crime of terrorism (as defined in Section 2332b(g)(5)) against the United States, citizens or residents of the United States, or their property;

iii. derived from, involved in, or used or intended to be used to commit any Federal crime of terrorism (as defined in Section 2332b(g)(5)) against the United States, citizens or residents of the United States, or their property; or

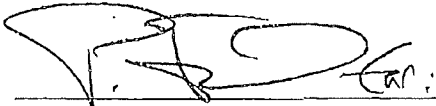
iv. of any individual, entity, or organization engaged in planning or perpetrating any act of international terrorism (as defined in Section 2331) against any international organization (as defined in Section 209 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. § 4309(b)) or against any foreign Government,

pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(G).

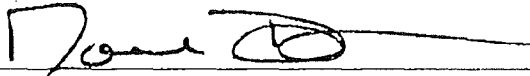
3. Upon conviction of a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922 or 924, or any other criminal law of the United States, as alleged in this Indictment, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States any firearm and ammunition involved in or used in the commission of such offense, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1).

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C), 981(a)(1)(G), and 924(d)(1) and the procedures set forth at Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

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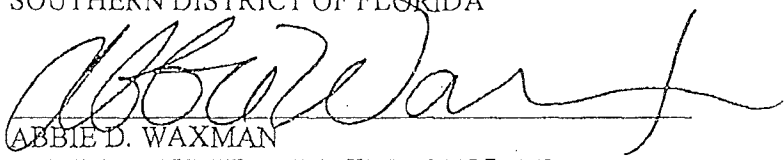
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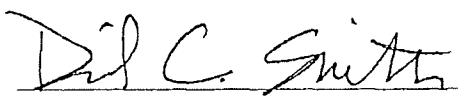
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