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Seven Teens Indicted for Conspiracy and Three Armed Carjackings **Defendants Accused of Participating in a Carjacking and Trafficking Ring**

WASHINGTON – Jaelen Jordan, 18, and Warren Montgomery, 19, both of Washington, D.C., along with Byron Gillum, also known as Bryon Gillum, 18, Isaiah Flowers, 18, Jahkai Goff, 19, Taj Giles, 18, and Irshaad Ellis-Bey, 18, all of Prince George’s County, MD, are charged in a 19-count indictment arising from a conspiracy to commit armed carjackings in and around the District of Columbia between February and May 2023.

The charges were announced today by U.S. Attorney Matthew M. Graves and Chief Pamela Smith, of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).

The conspiracy charges 90 overt acts, including multiple armed carjackings and robberies in the Maryland and Washington DC areas. Jordan, Montgomery, Gillum, Flowers, Goff, Giles, and Ellis-Bey were also charged with the armed carjackings committed in the District, and trafficking stolen property. At the time of the alleged crimes, five of the defendants were under the age of 18 and were charged under Title 16.

Jordan was arrested on May 17, 2023, following an investigation. Montgomery and Gillum were arrested on warrants on October 10, 2023, and Goff, Giles, and Ellis-Bey were arrested on December 7, 2023, after the Grand Jury returned its indictment. All defendants have been detained since their arrest. The seventh defendant, Isaiah Flowers, is detained in Prince George’s County on separate charges.

The defendants will be arraigned on December 14, 2023, before the Honorable Lynn Leibovitz.

In announcing the charges, U.S. Attorney Graves and Chief Smith commended the work of those investigating the case from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), United States Marshals Service (USMS), and Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). They also expressed appreciation for the assistance provided by the Prince George’s County Police Department. The case is being investigated and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Emily R. Kubo and Gregory J. Evans.

CHARGES:

Date	Location	Defendant(s)	Count
February 2023 to May 2023	Washington, D.C. & Maryland	Jordan, Gillum, Goff, Giles, Flowers, Ellis-Bey, & Montgomery	1- Conspiracy
February 2023 to May 2023	Washington, D.C.	Jordan, Gillum, Goff, Giles, Flowers, Ellis-Bey, & Montgomery	2 – Trafficking in Stolen Property
February 26, 2023	Washington, D.C.	Jordan, Gillum, Goff, Giles, Flowers, & Ellis-Bey	3 – UUV – COV 4 – RSP 5 – Armed Carjacking 6 – PFCOV 7 – Armed Robbery 8 – PFCOV 9 - UUV
April 27, 2023	Washington, D.C.	Jordan, Gillum, Goff, Giles, Flowers, Ellis-Bey, & Montgomery	10 – Armed Carjacking 11 – PFCOV 12 – Armed Robbery 13 – PFCOV 14 -UUV
May 16, 2023	Washington, D.C.	Jordan, Gillum, Goff, Giles, Flowers, Ellis-Bey, & Montgomery	15 – Armed Carjacking of a Senior Citizen 16 – PFCOV 17 – Armed Robbery of a Senior Citizen 18 – PFCOV 19 - UUV

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of criminal laws and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

