

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Holding a Criminal Term

Grand Jury Sworn in on February 14, 2022

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO.
	:	
v.	:	MAGISTRATE NO. 22-MJ-53-1
	:	MAGISTRATE NO. 22-MJ-53-2
STEPHON HARRIGAN,	:	MAGISTRATE NO. 22-MJ-65
AARON HARRIGAN, and	:	
TAVARUS THOMPSON	:	
	:	VIOLATIONS:
	:	18 U.S.C. § 1951
Defendants.	:	(Conspiracy to Interfere with
	:	Interstate Commerce by Robbery)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 1951
	:	(Interference with Interstate Commerce
	:	by Robbery)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(ii)
	:	(Using, Carrying, Brandishing and
	:	Possessing a Firearm During a Crime of
	:	Violence)
	:	18 U.S.C. §922(g)(1)
	:	(Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and
	:	Ammunition by a Person Convicted of a
	:	Crime Punishable by Imprisonment for a
	:	Term Exceeding One Year)
	:	22 D.C. Code § 4503(a)(1)
	:	(Unlawful Possession of a Firearm
	:	(Prior Conviction))
	:	18 U.S.C. § 2313(a)
	:	(Sale or Receipt of Stolen Vehicles)
	:	22 D.C. Code § 2803(a)
	:	(Carjacking)
	:	22 D.C. Code § 2001
	:	(Kidnapping)

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

Case: 1:22-cr-00104
Assigned to: Judge Walton, Reggie B.
Assign Date: 3/28/2022
Description: INDICTMENT (B)

COUNT ONE

From on or about January 1, 2022 through at least March 6, 2022, within the District of Columbia and the District of Maryland **AARON HARRIGAN, STEPHON HARRIGAN, and TAVARUS THOMPSON**, did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate and agree together and with other persons both known and unknown to the grand jury, to commit an offense against the United States, namely, to knowingly and unlawfully, obstruct, delay, and affect interstate commerce by robbery in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951, by agreeing to rob and by robbing employees of various retail establishments, including gas stations, liquor stores, hotels, and restaurants, which were engaged in and which affected interstate commerce.

The Conspiracy

Beginning on or about January 1, 2022 through at least March 6, 2022, within the District of Columbia the District of Maryland, and elsewhere, the defendants, **AARON HARRIGAN, STEPHON HARRIGAN, and TAVARUS THOMPSON**, did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate and agree together and with other persons both known and unknown to the grand jury, to commit the following offenses against the United States, that is, Hobbs Act, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951.

Goal of the Conspiracy

It was the goal of the conspiracy that the conspirators would acquire money, by way of robbery, belonging to and in the care, custody, and control, management, and possession of various retail and commercial establishments, including gas stations, restaurants, liquor stores, hotels, and markets.

Manner and Means of the Conspiracy

The defendants, both known and unknown to the grand jury, used the following manner and means to accomplish the object of the conspiracy:

1. It was part of the conspiracy that the defendants would and did play different roles in the conspiracy, and took upon themselves different tasks and participated in the conduct of the conspiracy through various criminal acts. The defendants wore dark clothing and often wore masks or other clothing over their faces as well as gloves. One or more of the defendants was armed with a firearm. Some of the actions carried out by the defendants included, among others, going into commercial establishments with the intent to rob those establishments of money.

2. It was further a part of the conspiracy that the defendants, both known and unknown to the grand jury, used various vehicles, including stolen vehicles, to flee from the establishments after the defendants robbed or attempted to rob the establishments.

3. It was further a part of the conspiracy that the defendants, both known and unknown to the grand jury, took steps and made efforts to avoid detection by law enforcement authorities.

Overt Acts

1. On or about January 12, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 3426 18th St NE, Washington, D.C., while armed with a handgun.

2. On or about January 13, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 1615 New York Ave NE, Washington, D.C., while armed with a handgun.

3. On or about January 13, 2022, a Lexus ES350 was stolen out of Hyattsville, Maryland.

4. On or about January 17, 2022, a black Acura TLX was stolen out of Clinton, Maryland.

5. On or about January 17, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 3426 18th St NE, Washington, D.C., while armed with a handgun.

6. On or about January 17, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 700 L St SE, Washington, D.C., while armed with a handgun.

7. On or about January 17, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 3504 12th St NE, Washington, D.C., while armed with a handgun.

8. On or about January 17, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 3200 Bladensburg Rd NE, Washington, D.C., while armed with a handgun.

9. On or about January 23, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 3847 34th St, Mount Rainer, MD, while armed with a handgun.

10. On or about January 23, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 2305 Rhode Island Ave NE, Washington, D.C., while armed with a handgun.

11. On or about February 1, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 204 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, D.C. while armed with a handgun.

12. On or about February 1, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 320 Riggs Rd NE, Washington, D.C. while armed with a handgun.

13. On or about February 1, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 6200 Eastern Ave NE, Washington, D.C. while armed with a handgun.

14. On or about February 3, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 4975 South Dakota Ave NE, Washington, D.C. while armed with a handgun.

15. On or about February 3, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 936 Rhode Island Ave NE, Washington, D.C. while armed with a handgun.

16. On or about February 6, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 450 K ST NW, Washington, D.C. while armed with a handgun.
17. On or about February 10, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 8012 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD, while armed with a handgun.
18. On or about February 11, 2022, one or more of the defendants used a credit card taken on February 10, 2022, at a gas station located at 5207 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave, NE, Washington, D.C., to purchase gas for the black Acura TLX stolen on January 17, 2022.
19. On or about February 13, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 3847 34th St, Mount Rainer, MD, while armed with a handgun.
20. On or about February 13, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 3716 Bladensburg Rd NE, Washington, D.C., while armed with a handgun.
21. On or about February 14, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 434 Shepherd St NW, Washington, D.C., while armed with a handgun.
22. On or about February 14, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 4418 Georgia Ave NW, Washington, D.C., while armed with a handgun.
23. On or about February 16, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 801 Virginia Ave SE, Washington, D.C., while armed with a handgun.
24. On or about February 17, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 3934 12th St NE, Washington, D.C., while armed with a handgun.
25. On or about February 17, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 1209 Brentwood Rd NE, Washington, D.C., while armed with a handgun.
26. On or about February 20, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 936 Rhode Island Ave NE, Washington, D.C. while armed with a handgun.

27. On or about February 20, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 6200 Eastern Ave NE, Washington, D.C. while armed with a handgun.

28. On or about February 22, 2022, one or more of the defendants entered and robbed 4801 Georgia Ave NW, Washington, D.C. while armed with a handgun.

29. On or about February 22, 2022, the black Acura TLX stolen on January 17, 2022 was recovered in Washington, D.C.

30. On or about March 6, 2022, the Lexus ES350 stolen on January 13, 2022, one or more of the defendants were also observed using the vehicle.

(Conspiracy to Interfere with Interstate Commerce by Robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951)

COUNT TWO

On or about February 16, 2022, within the District of Columbia the District of Maryland, and elsewhere, **TAVARUS THOMPSON**, did unlawfully obstruct, delay and affect, commerce, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951, and the movement of articles and commodities in such commerce, by robbery, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951, in that defendants **TAVARAS THOMPSON** did take and obtain personal property consisting of United States currency belonging to Classy Corks, located at 801 Virginia Ave SE, Washington, D.C., from the presence of an employee against his/her will by means of actual and threatened force, violence, and fear of injury, immediate and future, to his/her person, while the employee was engaged in commercial activities as an employee of Classy Corks, a business that was engaged in and that affects interstate commerce.

(Interference with Interstate Commerce by Robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951)

COUNT THREE

On or about February 16, 2022, within the District of Columbia, **TAVARUS THOMPSON**, did unlawfully and knowingly use, carry, and brandish, during and in relation to, and possess in furtherance of, a crime of violence, for which they may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, Count Two of this Indictment which is incorporated herein, a firearm, that is, a Personally Manufactured Firearm (PMF), .40 caliber firearm.

(Using, Carrying, Brandishing, and Possessing a Firearm During a Crime of Violence, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(ii))

COUNT FOUR

On or about March 6, 2022, within the District of Columbia, **STEPHON HARRIGAN**, knowing he had previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Criminal Case Nos. 2014-CF2-004133; 2019-CF2-016092; 2012-CF2-001397; 2013-CF2-02144; and 2014-CF3-017912, did unlawfully and knowingly receive and possess ammunition, that is, .40 caliber ammunition which had been possessed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce.

(Unlawful Possession of Ammunition by a Person Convicted of a Crime Punishable by Imprisonment for a Term Exceeding One Year, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1))

COUNT FIVE

On or about March 6, 2022, within the District of Columbia, **STEPHON HARRIGAN**, knowing he had previously been convicted in any court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, owned, kept, and had within his possession and control, a firearm.

(Unlawful Possession of a Firearm (Prior Conviction) in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Section 4503 (a)(1) (2001 ed.))

COUNT SIX

On or about February 16, 2022, within the District of Columbia, **TAVARUS THOMPSON**, knowing he had previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Criminal Case No. 2020-FD3-009134, did unlawfully and knowingly receive and possess ammunition, that is, .40 caliber ammunition which had been possessed, shipped, and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce.

(Unlawful Possession of Ammunition by a Person Convicted of a Crime Punishable by Imprisonment for a Term Exceeding One Year, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1))

COUNT SEVEN

On or about February 16, 2022, within the District of Columbia, **TAVARUS THOMPSON**, knowing he had previously been convicted in any court of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, owned, kept, and had within his possession and control, a firearm.

(Unlawful Possession of a Firearm (Prior Conviction) in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Section 4503 (a)(1) (2001 ed.))

COUNT EIGHT

On or about January 17, 2022 through February 22, 2022, within the District of Columbia, District of Maryland, and elsewhere, the defendants, **AARON HARRIGAN**, **STEPHON HARRIGAN**, and **TAVARUS THOMPSON**, did receive, possess, conceal, store, barter, sell and dispose of a stolen motor vehicle, that is, a black Acura TLX with vehicle identification number 19UUB2F52FA005554, which had crossed a state boundary after being stolen, to wit, said vehicle

being stolen on January 17, 2022 in Clinton, Maryland, knowing the same to have been stolen, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2313.

(Sale or Receipt of Stolen Vehicles, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2313(a))

COUNT NINE

On or about January 13, 2022 through March 6, 2022, within the District of Columbia, District of Maryland, and elsewhere, the defendants, **AARON HARRIGAN, STEPHON HARRIGAN, and TAVARUS THOMPSON**, did receive, possess, conceal, store, barter, sell and dispose of a stolen motor vehicle, that is, a Lexus ES350 with vehicle identification number JTHBK1GG8F2182053, which had crossed a state boundary after being stolen, to wit, said vehicle being stolen on January 13, 2022 in Hyattsville, Maryland, knowing the same to have been stolen, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2313.

(Sale or Receipt of Stolen Vehicles, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2313(a))

COUNT TEN

On or about March 6, 2022, within the District of Columbia, **STEPHON HARRIGAN** seized, confined, kidnapped, abducted, and carried away T.J., with intent to hold and detain T.J., to aid in his escape from law enforcement.

(Kidnapping, in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Section 2001 (2001 ed.))

COUNT ELEVEN

On or about March 6, 2022, within the District of Columbia, **STEPHON HARRIGAN**, by force and violence, against resistance, by sudden and stealthy seizure, and by putting in fear,

stole and took, and attempted to steal and take, a motor vehicle from the person and from the immediate actual possession of T.J.

(Carjacking, in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Section 2803(a) (2001 ed.))

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON.

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