

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO.
v.	:	DATE FILED:
DARRYL ALSTON	:	VIOLATIONS:
CHAMIR ISAAH LEWIS		
RYNELL BENNETT,		18 U.S.C. § 1951(a) (robbery which
<i>a/k/a "Bald"</i>	:	interferes with interstate commerce – 5
	:	counts)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1) (using and
	:	carrying a firearm during a
	:	crime of violence – 1 count)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) (felon in possession
	:	of a firearm – 2 counts)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 2 (aiding and abetting)
	:	Notice of forfeiture

INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

1. At all times relevant to this indictment, the Verizon Wireless Store located at 421 West Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, was a business engaged in and affecting interstate commerce by providing to customers cellular phones, accessories, and other goods produced, purchased, and transported from other states and countries to Pennsylvania.

2. On or about October 11, 2014, in Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery County, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendants

**DARRYL ALSTON and
RYNELL BENNETT,
*a/k/a "Bald,"***

obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, and attempted to do so, by robbery, in that, defendants DARRYL ALSTON and RYNELL BENNETT unlawfully took and obtained, and aided and abetted the unlawful taking and obtaining of, property, that is cellular phones valued at approximately \$10,362, from Verizon Wireless located at 421 West Germantown Pike, Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in the presence of an employee of Verizon Wireless and against her will, by means of actual and threatened force, violence, and fear of injury, immediate and future to the employee of Verizon Wireless, by brandishing and using a firearm to threaten and control the victim to steal cellular phones from her.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a) and 2.

COUNT TWO

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about October 11, 2014, in Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery County, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendants

**DARRYL ALSTON and
RYNELL BENNETT,
*a/k/a “Bald,”***

knowingly used and carried, and aided and abetted the use and carrying of, a firearm, during and in relation to a crime of violence for which they may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, robbery which interferes with interstate commerce, as charged in Count Two of this indictment, and brandished, and aided and abetted the brandishing of, that firearm.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c)(1) and 2.

COUNT THREE

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

1. At all times relevant to this indictment, the Verizon Wireless Store located at 625 West Chester Pike, Haverford Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, was a business engaged in and affecting interstate commerce by providing to customers cellular phones, accessories, and other goods produced, purchased, and transported from other states and countries to Pennsylvania.

2. On or about January 20, 2015, in Haverford Township, Delaware County, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendants

DARRYL ALSTON and CHAMIR ISIAAH LEWIS

obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, and attempted to do so, by robbery, in that, defendants DARRYL ALSTON and CHAMIR ISIAAH LEWIS unlawfully took and obtained, and aided and abetted the unlawful taking and obtaining of, property, that is cellular phones valued at approximately \$21,947, from Verizon Wireless located at 625 West Chester Pike, Havertown, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, in the presence of an employee of Verizon Wireless and against his will, by means of actual and threatened force, violence, and fear of injury, immediate and future to the employee of Verizon Wireless, by brandishing and using a firearm to threaten and control the victim to steal cellular phones from him.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a) and 2.

COUNT FOUR

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

1. At all times relevant to this indictment, the Verizon Wireless Store located at 301 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was a business engaged in and affecting interstate commerce by providing to customers cellular phones, accessories, and other goods produced, purchased, and transported from other states and countries to Pennsylvania.

2. On or about January 21, 2015, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendants

DARRYL ALSTON and CHAMIR ISIAAH LEWIS

obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, and attempted to do so, by robbery, in that, defendants DARRYL ALSTON and CHAMIR ISIAAH LEWIS unlawfully took and obtained, and aided and abetted the unlawful taking and obtaining of, property, that is cellular phones valued at approximately \$16,601 from Verizon Wireless located at 301 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the presence of an employee of Verizon Wireless and against his will, by means of actual and threatened force, violence, and fear of injury, immediate and future to the employee of Verizon Wireless, by brandishing and using a firearm to threaten and control the victim to steal cellular phones from him.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a) and 2.

COUNT FIVE

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

1. At all times relevant to this indictment, the Verizon Wireless Store located at 1692 Clements Bridge Road, Deptford Township, New Jersey, was a business engaged in and affecting interstate commerce by providing to customers cellular phones, accessories, and other goods produced, purchased, and transported from other states and countries to New Jersey.

2. On or about January 27, 2015, in Deptford, in the District of New Jersey, defendants

**DARRYL ALSTON and
CHAMIR ISIAAH LEWIS**

obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, and attempted to do so, by robbery, in that, defendants DARRYL ALSTON and CHAMIR ISIAAH LEWIS unlawfully took and obtained, and aided and abetted the unlawful taking and obtaining of, property, that is cellular phones valued at approximately \$19,500, from Verizon Wireless located at 1692 Clements Bridge Road, Deptford, New Jersey, in the presence of employees of Verizon Wireless and against their will, by means of actual and threatened force, violence, and fear of injury, immediate and future to the employees of Verizon Wireless, by brandishing and using a firearm to threaten and control the victim to steal cellular phones from him.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1951(a) and 2.

COUNT SIX

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

1. At all times relevant to this indictment, the Verizon Wireless Store located at 322 South Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was a business engaged in and affecting interstate commerce by providing to customers cellular phones, accessories, and other goods produced, purchased, and transported from other states and countries to Pennsylvania.

2. On or about April 13, 2015, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

DARRYL ALSTON

obstructed, delayed, and affected commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce, and attempted to do so, by robbery, in that, defendant DARRYL ALSTON unlawfully took and obtained property, that is, cellular phones valued at approximately \$10,496, from Verizon Wireless located at 322 South Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the presence of an employee of Verizon Wireless and against his will, by means of actual and threatened force, violence, and fear of injury, immediate and future to the employee of Verizon Wireless, by brandishing and using a firearm to threaten and control the victim to steal cellular phones from him.

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

COUNT SEVEN

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about October 11, 2014, in Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery County, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

DARRYL ALSTON,

having been convicted in a court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed in and affecting interstate commerce a firearm, that is, one Hi-Point, Model C9, nine-millimeter, semi-automatic Luger handgun with obliterated serial number.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

COUNT EIGHT

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about October 11, 2014, in Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery County, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

**RYNELL BENNETT,
*a/k/a “Bald,”***

having been convicted in a court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed in and affecting interstate commerce a firearm, that is, one Hi-Point, Model C9, nine-millimeter, semi-automatic Luger handgun with obliterated serial number.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

As a result of the violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1), 1951(a) set forth in this indictment, defendants

**DARRYL ALSTON and
RYNELL BENNETT,
*a/k/a "Bald,"***

shall forfeit to the United States of America, the firearm and ammunition involved in the commission of this offense, including, but not limited to:

- (1) One Hi-Point, Model C9, nine-millimeter, semi-automatic Luger handgun bearing serial number **P1410953**; and
- (2) Nine rounds of nine-millimeter ammunition.

All pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d).

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON

ZANE DAVID MEMEGER
United States Attorney