

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
FORT MYERS DIVISION

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
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FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO. 2:15-cr-13-PM-3 CM

MICHAEL J. RONGA

18: 242

18: 1512(b)(3)

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

18 U.S.C. § 242 – Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law

On or about May 5, 2013, in Lee County, in the Middle District of Florida, the
defendant,

MICHAEL J. RONGA,

while acting under color of the laws of the State of Florida, did willfully subject any
person in the State of Florida to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, and immunities
secured and protected by the Constitution and laws of the United States, to wit: by
assaulting and forcibly taking currency and property of R.L.C., resulting in bodily injury
to, and the taking of currency and property belonging to R.L.C., while acting as a deputy
sheriff of the Lee County Sheriff's Office, and thereby willfully depriving R.L.C. of the
rights preserved and protected by the Constitution of the United States not to be
deprived of liberty and property without due process of law, which included the rights to

be secure in his person and property and free from the unreasonable seizure of such property and intentional use of excessive force by one acting under color of law.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 242.

COUNT TWO

18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3) - Obstruction of Justice

On or about May 5, 2013, in Lee County, in the Middle District of Florida, the defendant,

MICHAEL J. RONGA

did knowingly engage in misleading conduct toward another person, with intent to hinder, delay and prevent the communication to a law enforcement officer of information relating to the commission or possible commission of a federal offense, namely, Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law, as charged in Count One of this Indictment, by providing Lieutenant William Murphy of the Lee County Sheriff's Office with a false statement regarding the defendant's interaction with R.L.C. while the defendant was on duty as a Lee County Sheriff's Office deputy sheriff on May 5, 2013. Specifically, Defendant **MICHAEL J. RONGA** claimed that R.L.C. got out of his patrol car in a parking lot and that he did not strike R.L.C. and did not take any money and a phone from R.L.C. on May 5, 2013, when in truth and in fact, and as Defendant **MICHAEL J. RONGA** well knew, R.L.C. did not get out of his patrol car in a parking lot, he did strike R.L.C., and he did take money and a phone from R.L.C.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1512(b)(3).

A TRUE BILL,

Jennie Waddell
Foreperson

Date: 2/18/15

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Violations:

18 U.S.C. § 242
18 U.S.C § 1512(a)(3)

A true bill,

Foreperson

Filed in open court this 18th day
of February, 2015.

Clerk

Bail \$ _____
