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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Criminal No. 25- *0065 (ESK)*
v. :
BHUSHAN ATHALE : 18 U.S.C. § 245(b)(2)(C)
18 U.S.C. § 875(c)

I N F O R M A T I O N

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by Indictment, the United States Attorney for District of New Jersey charges:

Count 1
(Interference With Federally Protected Activities – 18 U.S.C. § 245(b)(2)(C))

On or about September 17, 2022, in Burlington County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

BHUSHAN ATHALE,

transmitted a series of voicemail messages to Individual 1, a Sikh woman, and did willfully, by threat of force, intimidate and interfere with, and attempt to intimidate and interfere with, Individual 1, and other Sikhs working at her place of employment, Organization 1, a Sikh organization, because of Individual 1 and her co-workers' religion and because they were and had been enjoying employment, and all prerequisites thereof, by a private employer. Athale's conduct included the threatened use of a dangerous weapon, *to wit*, a razor blade.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 245(b)(2)(C).

COUNT 2
(Interstate Threats – 18 U.S.C. § 875(c))

On or about September 17, 2022, in Burlington County, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

BHUSHAN ATHALE,

knowingly, and in conscious disregard of a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the communication would be understood as a true threat, transmitted in interstate and foreign commerce, from the State of Texas to the State of New Jersey, a communication, that is, a series of voicemail messages, to Individual-1, which contained a threat to physically injure Individual 1 and other Sikhs working at her place of employment, Organization 1.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(c).



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