

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon.  
: :  
v. : Crim. No. 21-  
: :  
MAURICE COTTMAN : 18 U.S.C. § 1201(a)(1)  
: 18 U.S.C. § 2

**INFORMATION**

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

**COUNT ONE**  
(Kidnapping)

On or about October 8, 2020, in Passaic County, in the District of New  
Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

**MAURICE COTTMAN,**

did unlawfully and willfully kidnap and abduct and hold for ransom, reward, or  
otherwise, Victim-1, and, in committing or in furtherance of the commission of  
the offense, did willfully transport Victim-1 in interstate commerce from New  
Jersey to New York.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1201(a)(1) and Section  
2.

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATION**

As a result of committing the kidnapping offense in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1201(a)(1), as charged in this Information, the defendant,

**MAURICE COTTMAN,**

shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), any right, title, and interest in any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds the defendant obtained that are traceable to the kidnapping offense charged in the Information.

**Substitute Assets Provision**

If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty,

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), to seek forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.



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