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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
NORFOLK DIVISION



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	<u>UNDER SEAL</u>
	)	
v.	)	CRIMINAL NO. 2:10cr <b>83</b>
	)	
ROBERT GLENN FORD,	)	18 U.S.C. § 1951
	)	Conspiracy to Commit Extortion Under
Defendant.	)	Color of Official Right
	)	(Count 1)
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	)	18 U.S.C. § 1951
	)	Extortion Under Color of Official Right
	)	(Counts 2-4)
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	)	18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2)
	)	False Statement
	)	(Count 5)
	)	
	)	Forfeiture

INDICTMENT

MAY 2010 TERM – at Norfolk, Virginia

COUNT ONE

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

During the period from in or about March 2003 through May 2007, in the Eastern District of Virginia, ROBERT GLENN FORD, the defendant, unlawfully and knowingly conspired with another person to affect commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by extortion, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951, that is, by obtaining property to which he was not entitled from another person, with that person's consent, under color of official right.

OBJECT, MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY

1. At all material times, the defendant, ROBERT GLENN FORD, was employed by the City of Norfolk, Virginia as a homicide investigator with the Norfolk Police Department, and accordingly was a public official.

2. It was the object of the conspiracy to obtain monetary payments from and on behalf of individuals charged with criminal offenses in return for helping them secure release on bond, sentence reductions and other favorable treatment by falsely representing to authorities, including prosecutors and judges, that these individuals provided assistance in homicide investigations.

3. It was a part of the conspiracy that the defendant, by and through a conspirator acting as an intermediary, obtained monetary payments from or on behalf of individuals charged with criminal offenses in violation of the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The defendant, ROBERT GLENN FORD, accepted these monetary payments knowing that they were made in return for his assistance in securing release on bond, a sentence reduction or other favorable treatment for these individuals by falsely representing to authorities, including state prosecutors and judges, that these individuals provided assistance in the investigation of homicides that had occurred in the City of Norfolk. In fact, as the defendant was well aware, these individuals provided no assistance whatsoever in the investigation of homicides.

4. It was a further part of the conspiracy that in one instance the defendant accepted monetary payments on behalf of an individual charged with a federal criminal offense in Texas, knowing that the payment was made in return for his assistance in attempting to obtain favorable treatment for this individual.

5. It was a further part of the conspiracy that the defendant did in fact falsely represent to

authorities, including prosecutors and judges, that these individuals, from whom and on whose behalf he had obtained monetary payments, provided assistance in the investigation of homicides in the City of Norfolk, when in truth, as the defendant was well aware, these individuals provided no assistance whatsoever in the investigation of homicides.

OVERT ACTS

In furtherance of the conspiracy, and to effect the object thereof, the following acts, among others, were committed in the Eastern District of Virginia:

1. In or about March 2003, a conspirator received a sum of money from and on behalf of "D.C.", an individual charged with a state criminal offense in the City of Norfolk.
2. In or about March 2003, a conspirator delivered the money received from and on behalf of "D.C." to the defendant.
3. In or about June 2003, the defendant falsely represented to an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney for the City of Norfolk that "D.C." provided assistance in the investigation of a homicide.
4. In or about September 2003, a conspirator received a sum of money from and on behalf of "L.S.", an individual charged with a state criminal offense in the City of Norfolk.
5. In or about September 2003, a conspirator delivered the money received from and on behalf of "L.S." to the defendant.
6. In or about October 2003, the defendant falsely represented to an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney for the City of Norfolk that "L.S." provided assistance in the investigation of a homicide.

7. In or about June 2004, the defendant falsely represented to an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney for the City of Norfolk that "L.S." provided assistance in the investigation of a homicide.

8. In or about December 2003, a conspirator received a sum of money from and on behalf of "D.B.", an individual then charged with a state criminal offense in the City of Norfolk and subsequently with a probation violation in Southampton County, Virginia.

9. In or about December 2003, a conspirator delivered the money received from and on behalf of "D.B." to the defendant.

10. In or about December 2003, the defendant falsely represented to an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney for the City of Norfolk that "D.B." provided assistance in the investigation of a homicide.

11. In or about June 2005, the defendant falsely represented to the Commonwealth Attorney for Southampton County, Virginia that "D.B." provided assistance in the investigation of a homicide.

12. Between in or about November 2003 and February 2004, a conspirator received a sum of money from and on behalf of "S.P.", an individual charged with a state criminal offense in the City of Norfolk.

13. Between in or about November 2003 and February 2004, a conspirator delivered the money received from and on behalf of "S.P." to the defendant.

14. In or about September 2004, the defendant falsely represented to an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney for the City of Norfolk that "S.P." provided assistance in the investigation of a homicide.

15. In or about April 2005, a conspirator received a sum of money from and on behalf of "A.W.", an individual charged with a state criminal offense in the City of Norfolk.

16. In or about April 2005, a conspirator delivered the money received from and on behalf of "A.W." to the defendant.

17. In or about May 2005, the defendant falsely represented to an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney for the City of Norfolk that "A.W." provided assistance in the investigation of a homicide.

18. In or about January 2006, the defendant falsely represented to a Judge of the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk that "A.W." provided assistance in the investigation of homicide.

19. In or about July 2005, a conspirator received a sum of money from and on behalf of "J.S.", an individual charged with a state criminal offense in the City of Norfolk.

20. In or about July 2005, a conspirator delivered the money received from and on behalf of "J.S." to the defendant.

21. On or about August 16, 2005, the defendant falsely represented to an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney for the City of Norfolk that "J.S." provided assistance in the investigation of a homicide.

22. On or about August 16, 2005, the defendant falsely represented to a Judge of the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk that "J.S." provided assistance in the investigation of a homicide.

23. In or about August 2005, a conspirator received a sum of money from and on behalf of "H.D.", an individual charged with a federal criminal offense in Houston, Texas.

24. In or about August 2005, a conspirator delivered the money received from and on

behalf of "H.D." to the defendant.

25. In or about August 2005, the defendant made a telephone call to a federal prosecutor in Houston, Texas.

26. In or about August 2006, a conspirator received a sum of money from and on behalf of "T.S.", an individual charged with a state criminal offense in the City of Portsmouth, Virginia.

27. In or about August 2006, a conspirator delivered the money received from and on behalf of "T.S." to the defendant.

28. On or about May 23, 2007, the defendant appeared at the sentencing hearing for "T.S." in the Portsmouth Circuit Court and falsely testified under oath that "T.S." provided assistance in the investigation of a homicide in the City of Norfolk.

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

#### COUNT TWO

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

In or about July 2005, in the Eastern District of Virginia, ROBERT GLENN FORD, the defendant, unlawfully and knowingly affected commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by extortion, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951, that is, by obtaining property to which he was not entitled from another person, with that person's consent, under color of official right, in that:

1. The defendant, a homicide investigator with the Norfolk Police Department, acting under color of official right, obtained monetary payments to which he was not entitled from and on behalf of "J.S.", an individual charged with a criminal offense in the City of Norfolk, Virginia, in violation of the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. The defendant accepted these monetary payments knowing that they were made in return for his assistance in obtaining a sentence reduction for "J.S." by falsely representing to authorities that "J.S." provided assistance in the investigation of a homicide.

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

COUNT THREE

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

In or about August 2005, in the Eastern District of Virginia, ROBERT GLENN FORD, the defendant, unlawfully and knowingly affected commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by extortion, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1951, that is, by obtaining property to which he was not entitled from another person, with that person's consent, under color of official right, in that:

1. The defendant, a homicide investigator with the Norfolk Police Department, acting under color of official right, obtained monetary payments to which he was not entitled from and on behalf of "H.D.", an individual charged with a federal criminal offense in Houston, Texas.

2. The defendant accepted these monetary payments knowing that they were made in return for his assistance in obtaining favorable treatment for "H.D."

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

COUNT FOUR

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

In or about August 2006, in the Eastern District of Virginia, ROBERT GLENN FORD, the defendant, unlawfully and knowingly affected commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by extortion, as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code,

Section 1951, that is, by obtaining property to which he was not entitled from another person, with that person's consent, under color of official right, in that:

1. The defendant, a homicide investigator with the Norfolk Police Department, acting under color of official right, obtained monetary payments to which he was not entitled from and on behalf of "T.S.", an individual charged with a criminal offense in the City of Portsmouth, Virginia, in violation of the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. The defendant accepted these monetary payments knowing that they were made in return for his assistance in obtaining a sentence reduction for "T.S." by falsely representing to authorities that "T.S." provided assistance in the investigation of a homicide.

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

COUNT FIVE

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

On or about February 19, 2010, in the Eastern District of Virginia, in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive branch of the Government of the United States, that is, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, an agency of the Department of Justice, ROBERT GLENN FORD, the defendant, did knowingly and willfully make one or more materially false, fictitious and fraudulent statements and representations, in that:

1. The defendant, ROBERT GLENN FORD, was interviewed by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who were investigating allegations that the defendant had obtained monetary payments from and on behalf of individuals charged with criminal offenses in return for helping them secure release on bonds and sentence reductions by falsely representing to authorities, including prosecutors and judges, that these individuals provided assistance in

homicide investigations.

2. During the interview, the defendant made one or more materially false, fictitious and fraudulent statements and representations to the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as follows:

- (a) That "T.S." had provided assistance to him in the investigation of a homicide;
- (b) That "J.S." had provided assistance to him in the investigation of a homicide;
- (c) That he had not given false information to the prosecutor and court on behalf of "A.W.";
- (d) That he had not given false information to the court on behalf of "J.S."; and
- (e) That he had not testified falsely under oath on behalf of "T.S."

3. Each of the aforesaid statements was false, as the defendant then well knew, in that "T.S." and "J.S." had not provided assistance to the defendant in the investigation of a homicide; that in fact the defendant had given false information to the prosecutor and court on behalf of "A.W."; that in fact the defendant had given false information to the court on behalf of "J.S."; and that in fact the defendant had testified falsely under oath on behalf of "T.S."

(In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(3).)

#### FORFEITURE

The defendant, ROBERT GLENN FORD, if convicted of any offense set forth in this indictment, shall, as part of the sentencing of the defendant pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, forfeit to the United States any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to said violation.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b), the defendant shall forfeit substitute property, up to the

value of the property subject to forfeiture as described above, if, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant, any such property subject to forfeiture cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; has been transferred, sold to or deposited with a third party; has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court; has been substantially diminished in value; or has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty.

(In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).)

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