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Three D.C. Men Indicted on Federal Charges for Armed Carjacking Conspiracy

Defendants Conspired to Carjack and Sell Vehicles in the District and Maryland

WASHINGTON – A 33-count superseding indictment was unsealed in U.S. District Court, on December 8, 2023, charging three District men with conspiring to commit carjackings in Washington D.C., and Maryland, between December 2022, and June 2023. Charges include conspiracy to commit carjacking, carjacking, attempted carjacking resulting in serious bodily injury, brandishing a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle, and sale or receipt of a stolen vehicle.

The indictment was announced today by U.S. Attorney Matthew M. Graves, Assistant Director in Charge David Sundberg, of the FBI Washington Field Office, and Chief Pamela Smith, of the Metropolitan Police Department.

According to the indictment, between December 2022 and June 2023, Cedae Hardy, Landrell Jordan III, and Malik Norman, all 19 and of Washington, D.C., and other uncharged co-conspirators, conspired to carjack victims of their vehicles at gunpoint around the District of Columbia and Maryland and to sell the carjacked vehicles for profit.

All of the defendants are charged with conspiracy to commit carjacking. Hardy is charged in 29 of the 33 counts. He is charged, alone and with various members of the conspiracy, in all 11 of the carjacking counts—including a count of attempted carjacking resulting in serious bodily injury for an April 18, 2023, carjacking in Hyattsville, Maryland, in which Hardy shot a rideshare driver multiple times, striking him in the arm and abdomen—and with ten counts of brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence. In addition, he is charged with four counts of interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle and three counts of sale or receipt of a stolen vehicle. Norman is charged in 13 of the counts, including four counts of carjacking, four counts of brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence, two counts of interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle, and

two counts of sale or receipt of a stolen vehicle. Jordan is charged in five counts, including two counts of carjacking and two counts of brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence.

In numerous carjackings committed in furtherance of the conspiracy, Hardy drove the carjacked vehicles to a garage adjoining an apartment complex located at 1326 Florida Avenue Northeast, Washington, D.C. (the “Florida Avenue Garage”).

A co-conspirator would contact potential buyers, who in these instances were undercover officers with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). The co-conspirator would arrange a time to meet the undercover officers at predetermined location - usually the Florida Avenue Garage – and complete the sale of the carjacked vehicles. The co-conspirators and Hardy would then split the proceeds.

Hardy would communicate with his co-conspirators via text message. For example, on April 8, 2023, Hardy sent Co-Conspirator 1 a text messages stating, “I’m outside now you can be on your way. Let’s get money my boy” and “[I]’m boutta get sum & bring it straight to you.” A few hours later, just 22 minutes after an armed carjacking of a Mercedes-Benz SL550 in Hyattsville, Maryland, Hardy arrived at the Florida Avenue Garage in the victim’s vehicle. Co-Conspirator 1 and Co-Conspirator 2 opened the door to the Florida Avenue Garage for Hardy. The victim’s Mercedes was then sold on April 10, 2023, by Co-Conspirator 1 to MPD undercover officers for \$1,200.

Hardy is alleged to have committed all of the carjackings at gunpoint and, during a failed April 18, 2023, carjacking in Hyattsville, Maryland, shot a rideshare drive multiple times at close range, striking him in the arm and abdomen. Hardy exited the victim’s vehicle and fled back to Washington, D.C. For this offense, Hardy has been charged with attempted carjacking resulting in serious bodily injury.

In May and June 2023, Norman contacted Hardy on multiple occasions to request that he obtain vehicles. In response to these requests, Hardy then committed armed carjackings and transferred the carjacked vehicles to Norman in exchange for money. Jordan is charged for his direct participation, alongside Hardy, for two such armed carjackings committed in May 2023; following both offenses, the carjacked vehicle was then transferred to Norman.

On June 13, 2023, Norman sent a text message to Hardy stating, “I need 2 cars get sum cool [a]nd fast.” The next day, Hardy carjacked a woman in Southeast Washington as she was putting her children into her car. He then picked up Norman in the carjacked vehicle and, after driving at a high rate of speed, crashed into another motorist.

CHARGES:

| Defendant | Charges |
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| Cedae Hardy | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Conspiracy to Commit Carjacking (1 count)- Attempted Carjacking Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury (1 count)- Carjacking (10 counts)- Brandishing a Firearm During a Crime of Violence (10 counts) |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interstate Transportation of a Stolen Vehicle (4 counts) - Sale or Receipt of a Stolen Vehicle (3 counts) |
| Landrell Jordan III | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conspiracy to Commit Carjacking (1 count) - Carjacking (2 counts) - Brandishing a Firearm During a Crime of Violence (2 counts) |
| Malik Norman | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conspiracy to Commit Carjacking (1 count) - Carjacking (4 counts) - Brandishing a Firearm During a Crime of Violence (4 counts) - Interstate Transportation of a Stolen Vehicle (2 counts) - Sale or Receipt of a Stolen Vehicle (2 counts) |

All of the defendants are now in custody. Search warrants have been executed at several residences, resulting in the recovery of multiple guns, proceeds from carjacking victims, and other evidence.

Attempted carjacking resulting in serious bodily injury carries a statutory maximum of 25 years in prison. Carjacking carries a statutory maximum sentence of 15 years in prison. Brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence carries a mandatory minimum term of seven years in prison. Interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle and sale or receipt of a stolen vehicle each carry a statutory maximum of ten years in prison. Conspiracy to commit carjacking carries a statutory maximum sentence of five years in prison. The charges also carry potential financial penalties. The maximum statutory sentence for federal offenses is prescribed by Congress and is provided here for informational purposes only. The sentence imposed will be determined by the court based on the advisory Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

This case is being investigated by the FBI's Washington Field Office Violent Crimes Task Force and the Metropolitan Police Department Carjacking Task Force. Valuable assistance was provided by the Prince George's County, Montgomery County, and Hyattsville, Maryland, Police Departments.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Meredith Mayer-Dempsey, Paul V. Courtney, and Jared English, of the Federal Major Crimes Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.

An indictment is merely an allegation, and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.