

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF WYOMING

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MARGARET BOTKINS, CLERK
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHRISTOPHER KENT PODLESNIK,

Defendant.

No.

21 CR 29 SWS

Cts 1-7: 18 U.S.C. § 875(c)

(Threats in Interstate Commerce)

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

COUNT ONE

On or about January 28, 2021, in the District of Wyoming and elsewhere, the Defendant, **CHRISTOPHER KENT PODLESNIK**, knowingly transmitted in interstate commerce a communication containing a true threat to injure the person of another; specifically, **PODLESNIK** called a contact number associated with United States Senator Cynthia Lummis and left a voicemail, in which **PODLESNIK** said, among other things, "I will [*expletive*] kill you. I will. I will [*expletive*] kill you."

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 875(c).

COUNT TWO

On or about January 28, 2021, in the District of Wyoming and elsewhere, the Defendant, **CHRISTOPHER KENT PODLESNIK**, knowingly transmitted in interstate commerce a communication containing a true threat to injure the person of another; specifically, **PODLESNIK** called a contact number associated with United States Senator Cynthia Lummis and left a

voicemail, in which **PODLESNIK** said, among other things, “I’m going to [*expletive*] shoot you in the [*expletive*] head.”

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 875(c).

COUNT THREE

On or about January 28, 2021, in the District of Wyoming and elsewhere, the Defendant, **CHRISTOPHER KENT PODLESNIK**, knowingly transmitted in interstate commerce a communication containing a true threat to injure the person of another; specifically, **PODLESNIK** called a contact number associated with United States Senator John Barrasso and left a voicemail, in which **PODLESNIK** said, among other things, “I will [*expletive*] see that Matt Gaetz gets killed when he [*expletive*] gets here.”

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 875(c).

COUNT FOUR

On or about January 28, 2021, in the District of Wyoming and elsewhere, the Defendant, **CHRISTOPHER KENT PODLESNIK**, knowingly transmitted in interstate commerce a communication containing a true threat to injure the person of another; specifically, **PODLESNIK** called a contact number associated with United States Senator John Barrasso and left a voicemail, in which **PODLESNIK** said, among other things, “You let Gaetz step into the State of Wyoming, not only is he going to be dead, are you, you’re going to be dead.”

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 875(c).

COUNT FIVE

On or about January 28, 2021, in the District of Wyoming and elsewhere, the Defendant, **CHRISTOPHER KENT PODLESNIK**, knowingly transmitted in interstate commerce communications containing a true threat to injure the person of another; specifically,

PODLESNIK called a contact number associated with Wyoming State Senator Anthony Bouchard and left two voicemails, in which **PODLESNIK** said, among other things, “You’re a [*expletive*] traitor, and you deserve to be shot,” and, “I will take you [*expletive*] down.”

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 875(c).

COUNT SIX

On or about January 28, 2021, in the District of Wyoming and elsewhere, the Defendant, **CHRISTOPHER KENT PODLESNIK**, knowingly transmitted in interstate commerce a communication containing a true threat to injure the person of another; specifically, **PODLESNIK** called a contact number associated with United States Representative Matt Gaetz and left a voicemail, in which **PODLESNIK** said, among other things, “I’m not going to [*expletive*] ask you why you [*expletive*] think you should be killed, I’m just going to [*expletive*] put two in your head.”

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 875(c).

COUNT SEVEN

On or about January 28, 2021, in the District of Wyoming and elsewhere, the Defendant, **CHRISTOPHER KENT PODLESNIK**, knowingly transmitted in interstate commerce a communication containing a true threat to injure the person of another; specifically, **PODLESNIK** called a contact number associated with United States Senator Cynthia Lummis and left a voicemail, in which **PODLESNIK** said, among other things, “You are going to [*expletive*] get shot in the [*expletive*] back of the head.”

A TRUE BILL:

Ink Signature on File in Clerk’s Office
FOREPERSON



L. ROBERT MURRAY
Acting United States Attorney

PENALTY SUMMARY

DEFENDANT NAME: CHRISTOPHER KENT PODLESNIK

DATE: March 23, 2021

INTERPRETER NEEDED: No

VICTIM(S): Yes

OFFENSE/PENALTIES:

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0 to 5 Years Imprisonment
Up to \$250,000 Fine
Up to 3 Years Supervised Release
\$100 Special Assessment

TOTALS: *0 to 35 Years Imprisonment*
Up to \$1,750,000 Fines
Up to 3 Years Supervised Release
\$700 Special Assessments

AGENT: Taylor D. Reed, FBI

AUSA: Thomas Szott, Assistant United States Attorney

ESTIMATED TIME OF TRIAL: 1 to 5 days

WILL THE GOVERNMENT SEEK DETENTION IN THIS CASE: Yes

ARE THERE DETAINERS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS: No