Hay baler part of murder scheme
Man accused of plan to kill romantic rival

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MENOMONIE — A 45-year-old rural Boyceville man is accused of offering a hay bale to have another Dunn County man killed because he had romantic feelings for the man's girlfriend.

Daniel J. Lemon has been charged with first-degree attempted intentional homicide for solicitation of murder.

He is in custody at the Dunn County Jail on $500,000 bond.

Lemon is scheduled for preliminary hearing Monday.

According to the criminal complaint:

Stephen J. Robeson contacted the Dunn County Sheriff's Department to report that Lemon told Robeson he had romantic feelings for a woman who was involved with Andrew W. Dean. Robeson works for Lemon on Lemon's family farm.

Lemon told Robeson he wanted to "get rid" of Dean so he would have a better chance with the woman. He also told Robeson he wanted someone to kill Dean, and in exchange he would give that person some farm equipment.

Robeson, working with
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police, said he would have a buddy of his contact Lemon.

An undercover agent with the West Central Drug Task Force,
contacted Lemon. The two agreed to meet at a Menomonie
restaurant June 28.

The agent wore a body wire while meeting with Lemon.
Lemon told him he would like to see Dean “crippled for life”
or “put out of his misery.”
Lemon told the agent he should do bodily harm to Dean at
nights when the woman was working. He also gave the agent a
physical description of Dean and where he hung out in Knapp.

He also told the agent to give Dean “a dirt grave” at one point.

Lemon gave the agent a .44-caliber handgun from his home
and agreed to give him a hay bale in exchange for taking
care of Dean.

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