

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CHANDLER JOHN CARDENTE

Criminal Case No CR 22-100WES

In violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2422(b),
2260A & 1958.

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT 1

From on or about December 3, 2021 to December 10, 2021, in the District of Rhode Island, Defendant CHANDLER JOHN CARDENTE, using a facility and means of interstate and foreign commerce, did knowingly, and did knowingly attempt to, employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, and coerce a minor, Minor Victim #1, who was a 12-year-old child, to engage in sexual activity for which any person can be charged with a criminal offense, to wit second degree child molestation sexual assault, in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-37-8.3, by communicating with Minor Victim #1 through social media in December 2021 and prior to December 10, 2021, and having sexual contact with her on or about December 10, 2021,

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2422(b).

COUNT 2

From on or about December 3, 2021 to December 10, 2021, in the District of Rhode Island, CHANDLER JOHN CARDENTE, an individual required by Federal and Rhode Island state law to register as a sex offender, committed a felony offense involving a minor under 18 U.S.C. § 2422, as specified in Count 1,

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2260A.

COUNT 3

(Interstate Murder-for-Hire)

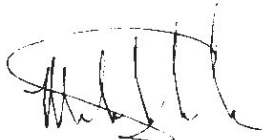
On or about February 4, 2022, in the District of Rhode Island, Defendant CHANDLER JOHN CARDENTE used and caused another person to use a facility of interstate commerce with intent that a murder be committed in violation of the laws of the State of Rhode Island as consideration for a promise and agreement to pay anything of pecuniary value, to wit in a telephone call on that day CHANDLER JOHN CARDENTE asked another person to kill Minor Victim #1 in exchange for \$200 in cash and equipment worth \$1,500 and told the other person that Minor Victim #1 needed "to end up dead" because she was "a witness,"

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1958.

A TRUE BILL:


Grand Jury Foreperson

ZACHARY A. CUNHA
United States Attorney



MILIND SHAH
Assistant U.S. Attorney



LEE H. VILKER
Assistant U.S. Attorney
Criminal Division Chief

Date: 9-14-22

DEFENDANT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO A CRIMINAL ACTION - IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT

BY: INFORMATION INDICTMENT COMPLAINT

CASE NO. CR 22-100WES PAS

Matter Sealed: Juvenile Other than Juvenile
 Pre-Indictment Plea Superseding Defendant Added
 Indictment Charges/Counts Added
 Information

USA vs.
 Defendant: Chandler J. Cardente
Homeless

Address: _____

Name of District Court, and/or Judge/Magistrate Location (City)
 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT RHODE ISLAND
 DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND Divisional Office

Name and Office of Person ZACHARY A. CUNHA
 Furnishing Information on U.S. Atty Other U.S. Agency
 THIS FORM Phone No. (401) 709-5000
 Name of Asst. Milind M. Shah
 U.S. Attorney
 (if assigned)

Interpreter Required Dialect: _____

Birth Date ██████ 1994 Male Alien
 Female (if applicable)

Social Security Number ██████████

PROCEEDING

Name of Complainant Agency, or Person (& Title, if any)
HSI ~ James V. Richardson, Special Agent

person is awaiting trial in another Federal or State Court
 (give name of court)
State of Rhode Island: Providence Supreme Court

this person/proceeding transferred from another district
 per (circle one) FRCrP 20, 21 or 40. Show District

this is a re prosecution of charges
 previously dismissed which were
 dismissed on motion of:
 U.S. Atty Defense

this prosecution relates to a
 pending case involving this same
 defendant. (Notice of Related
 Case must still be filed with the
 Clerk.)

prior proceedings or appearance(s)
 before U.S. Magistrate Judge
 regarding this defendant were
 recorded under

SHOW
 DOCKET NO.
P2-2022-0996A

MAG. JUDGE
 CASE NO.

Place of offense RHODE ISLAND County

DEFENDANT

Issue: Warrant Summons

Location Status:
 Arrest Date 2/9/2022 or Date Transferred to Federal Custody _____

Currently in Federal Custody

Currently in State Custody

Writ Required

Currently on bond

Fugitive

Defense Counsel (if any): _____

FPD CJA RET'D

Appointed on Target Letter

This report amends AO 257 previously submitted

OFFENSE CHARGED - U.S.C. CITATION - STATUTORY MAXIMUM PENALTIES - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS

Total # of Counts 3

Set	Title & Section/Offense Level (Petty = 1 / Misdemeanor = 3 / Felony = 4)	Description of Offense Charged	Felony/Misd.
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