

Criminal No.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Criminal Division

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

MARK HOUCK

INDICTMENT

Counts

18 U.S.C. § 248(a)(1)(Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act –
Attack of Patient Escort - 2 counts)

 Foreman

Filed in open court this 20th day,
Of September A.D. 20 22

Clerk

Bail, \$ _____

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO. _____
v.	:	DATE FILED:
MARK HOUCK	:	VIOLATIONS:
	:	18 U.S.C. § 248(a)(1) (Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act – Attack of Patient Escort – 2 counts)

INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

1. The Planned Parenthood – Elizabeth Blackwell Health Center (“the PPC” or “PPC”) was a provider of women’s reproductive health services located on Locust Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The PPC offered medical services that included birth control, annual gynecological examinations, cervical cancer screenings, sexually transmitted disease testing, termination of pregnancies, and other reproductive health services.
2. PPC staff included volunteer patient escorts, who assisted PPC patients with, among other things, safely entering and exiting the PPC facility.
3. On October 13, 2021, 72-year-old B.L. was a volunteer patient escort at PPC and had served in that capacity for approximately 30 years. B.L. routinely wore a bright colored vest that clearly identified him as a PPC volunteer patient escort.
4. On October 13, 2021, 47-year-old defendant MARK HOUCK was a protestor at PPC and familiar with the PPC volunteer patient escorts, including B.L.
5. On October 13, 2021, defendant MARK HOUCK shoved B.L. to the

ground as B.L. attempted to escort two PPC patients.

6. On or about October 13, 2021, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

MARK HOUCK,

by force, intentionally injured, intimidated and interfered with B.L., and attempted to injure, intimidate, and interfere with, B.L., because B.L. was and had been providing reproductive health services, and in order to injure, intimidate, and interfere with B.L. from providing reproductive health services.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 248(a)(1) and (b)(2).

COUNT TWO

THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:

1. The allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 4 of Count One of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated herein by reference.

2. On October 13, 2021, defendant MARK HOUCK verbally confronted B.L. and forcefully shoved B.L. to the ground in front of the PPC, causing injuries to B.L. that required medical attention.

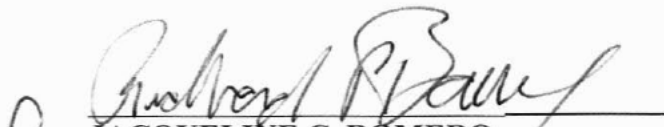
3. On or about October 13, 2021, in Philadelphia, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

MARK HOUCK,

by force, intentionally injured, intimidated and interfered with B.L., and attempted to injure, intimidate, and interfere with, B.L., because B.L. was and had been providing reproductive health services, and in order to injure, intimidate, and interfere with B.L. from providing reproductive health services. This offense resulted in bodily injury to B.L.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 248(a)(1) and (b)(1).

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JACQUELINE C. ROMERO
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

INDICTMENT

DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar.

Address of Plaintiff: 615 Chestnut Street, Suite 1250, Philadelphia, PA 19106-4476

Post Office: Philadelphia

County: Philadelphia

City and State of Defendant: East Greenville, Pennsylvania

County: Mercer

Register number: N/A

Place of accident, incident, or transaction: Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Post Office: Philadelphia

County: Philadelphia

RELATED CASE, IF ANY:

Criminal cases are deemed related when the answer to the following question is "yes".

Does this case involve a defendant or defendants alleged to have participated in the same action or transaction, or in the same series of acts or transactions, constituting an offense or offenses?

YES/NO: No

Case Number: N/A

Judge: N/A

CRIMINAL: (Criminal Category - FOR USE BY U.S. ATTORNEY ONLY)

1. Antitrust
2. Income Tax and other Tax Prosecutions
3. Commercial Mail Fraud
4. Controlled Substances
5. Violations of 18 U.S.C. Chapters 95 and 96 (Sections 1951-55 and 1961-68) and Mail Fraud other than commercial
6. General Criminal

(U.S. ATTORNEY WILL PLEASE DESIGNATE PARTICULAR CRIME AND STATUTE CHARGED TO BE VIOLATED AND STATE ANY PREVIOUS CRIMINAL NUMBER FOR SPEEDY TRIAL ACT TRACKING PURPOSES):
18 U.S.C. § 248(a)(1) (Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act – Attack of Patient Escort – 2 counts)

DATE: 9/20/2022

/s/ Anita Eve

Anita Eve

Assistant United States Attorney

File No. 2022R00

U.S. v. Mark Houck

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :
 :
 v. : CRIMINAL NO. 22 -
 :
MARK HOUCK :

ORDER FOR BENCH WARRANT

AND NOW, this day of September, 2022, on motion of Jacqueline C. Romero, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, it is ORDERED that a bench warrant be issued for the arrest of the defendant in the above-captioned case.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Richard A. Lloret, USMJ
HONORABLE RICHARD A. LLORET
United States Magistrate Judge

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :
 :
 v. CRIMINAL NO. 22 -
 :
MARK HOUCK :

MOTION FOR BENCH WARRANT

AND NOW, this day of September, 2022, Jacqueline C. Romero,
United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Anita Eve, Assistant United
States Attorney move the Court for the allowance of a bench warrant in the above-entitled case
directed to the United States Marshal, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, or any other United
States Marshal or officer authorized to execute same.

Respectfully submitted,

JACQUELINE C. ROMERO
United States Attorney

s/ Anita Eve _____
Anita Eve
Assistant United States Attorney

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT, the Clerk is directed upon notice from the United States Attorney's Office to remove the docket papers hereby impounded and restore the same to the public docket.

BY THE COURT:

Richard A. Lloret, USMJ
HONORABLE RICHARD A. LLORET
United States Magistrate Judge

respectfully requests that the government's Motion be GRANTED. The government further requests that the Clerk of Court be directed to make no public docket entry of the sealed documents and motion and order to seal, and to provide copies of all sealed documents only to Anita Eve, Assistant United States Attorney. It is further requested that the indictment shall be unimpounded upon notice of the United States Attorney that the defendant(s) has been arrested.

Respectfully submitted,

JACQUELINE C. ROMERO
United States Attorney

s/ Anita Eve

Anita Eve
Assistant United States Attorney



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United States Attorney

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

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September 23, 2022

U.S. District Court Clerk's Office
Criminal Division
2609 United States Courthouse
601 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Re: *United States v. Mark Houck*
Cr. No. 22-323

Dear Clerk of the Court:

Please unimpond the Indictment with regard to the above-captioned case. The Indictment was filed on September 20, 2022.

Very truly yours,

JACQUELINE C. ROMERO
United States Attorney

s/ Anita Eve
Anita Eve
Assistant United States Attorney

AO 442 (Rev. 11/11) Arrest Warrant

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

United States of America

v.

Case No. 22-cr-323

Mark Houck

Defendant

ARREST WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay
(name of person to be arrested) Mark Houck,
who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following document filed with the court:

- Indictment Superseding Indictment Information Superseding Information Complaint
- Probation Violation Petition Supervised Release Violation Petition Violation Notice Order of the Court

This offense is briefly described as follows:

18:248(a)(1) AND (b)(2) - FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO CLINIC ENTRANCES ACT - ATTACK OF PATIENT ESCORT

18:248(a)(1) AND (b)(1) - FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO CLINIC ENTRANCES ACT - ATTACK OF PATIENT ESCORT



Date: 09/20/2022

Mark Ciamaichelo, Deputy Clerk
Issuing officer's signature

City and state: Philadelphia, PA

George Wylesol, Clerk of Court
Printed name and title

Return

This warrant was received on (date) 9/21/22, and the person was arrested on (date) 9/23/22
at (city and state) Kintnersville, PA.

Date: 9/23/22

[Signature]
Arresting officer's signature

Christopher Jackson / Special Agent
Printed name and title

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : CRIMINAL NO. 22-cr-00323-GJP-1
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 v. :
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 MARK HOUCK :
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CONDITIONS OF RELEASE ORDER

BAIL

Defendant is **released on bail** in the amount of: \$ 10,000

X **O/R**

_____ **cash**

_____ **secured by:**

_____ % cash

_____ property at:

_____ **Clerk’s office requirements are not waived.** Execute an Agreement to Forfeit the Property stated above with a copy of the deed as indicia of ownership.

PRETRIAL SERVICES

X Defendant shall report to Pretrial Services:

X **as directed** by Pretrial Services.

_____ times per week **in person.**

_____ times per week **via telephone.**

_____ Defendant shall attend mental health services under the guidance and supervision of Pretrial Services.

_____ Defendant shall submit to **random drug testing** as directed by Pretrial Services.

_____ Defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol or from any use of a narcotic drug or other controlled substance, as defined in Section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 802, without a prescription by a licensed medical practitioner.

_____ Defendant shall undergo **drug/alcohol treatment** if necessary as determined by Pretrial Services.

_____ Defendant shall submit to **location monitoring** at the following address:

_____ This Court, based upon evidence that Defendant has adequate financial resources, finds that he/she shall pay all or part of the cost of the court-ordered monitoring program, in an amount to be specified by Pretrial Services.

_____ **Curfew.** You are restricted to your residence every day from _____ to _____, during which electronic monitoring will be in place, or as directed by the pretrial services office or supervising officer.

_____ **Home Detention.** You are restricted to your residence at all times except for employment; education; religious services; medical, substance abuse, or mental health treatment; attorney visits; court appearances; court-ordered obligations; or other activities approved in advance by the pretrial services office or supervising officer;

_____ **Home Incarceration.** You are restricted to 24-hour-a-day lock-down at your residence except for medical necessities and court appearances or other activities specifically approved by the court.

PASSPORT

Defendant shall surrender and/or refrain from obtaining a **passport**.

TRAVEL

Travel is restricted to the **Eastern District of Pennsylvania**.

_____ Travel is restricted to the _____.

Unless prior permission is granted by Pretrial Services.

FIREARMS

Defendant shall surrender and/or refrain from obtaining any firearms. Any other firearms in any premises where the defendant resides while on supervised release must be removed from the premises and no firearms are to be brought into the premises during this period. The defendant shall execute a completed Prohibition on Possession of Firearms Agreement.

MISCELLANEOUS

Defendant shall have no contact with **co-defendants, potential witnesses** in this case, or individuals engaged in any **criminal activity**.

_____ Defendant must maintain present **employment**.

_____ Defendant must **actively seek** gainful employment.

_____ Defendant shall undergo a **mental competency evaluation**.

Defendant must reside:

at:  Kintnersville, PA 18930

with: _____

COMPUTERS/INTERNET

_____ The Defendant is subject to the following computer/internet restrictions which are to be monitored by U.S. Pretrial Services and may include manual inspection, use of minimally invasive internet detection devices, and/or installation of computer monitoring software to

insure compliance with the imposed restrictions.

_____ **No computer:** The Defendant is prohibited from possession and/or use of any computers and connected devices.

_____ **Computer, no internet access:** The Defendant is permitted use of computers or connected devices, but is not permitted access to the Internet (as World Wide Web, FTP sites, IRC servers, instant messaging).

_____ **Computer with internet access:** The Defendant is permitted use of computers or connected devices, is permitted access to the internet for legitimate purposes, and is responsible for any fees connected with the installation and use of monitoring software.

_____ **Other Residents:** By consent of other residents, all computers located at the address of record shall be subject to inspection to insure the equipment is password protected.

 X **Other Restrictions:** Houck shall refrain from engaging in protesting and/or sidewalk counseling at the Planned Parenthood – Elizabeth Blackwell Health Center located at 1100 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA.

OTHER CONDITIONS:

As a further condition of release, defendant shall not commit a Federal, State, or local crime during the period of release. The commission of a Federal offense while on pretrial release will result in an additional sentence of a term of imprisonment of not more than 10 years, if the offense is a felony; or a term of imprisonment of not more than 1 year, if the offense is a misdemeanor. This sentence shall be in addition to any other sentence.

Any violation of the conditions of release may result in revocation of bail, immediate issuance of an arrest warrant, imprisonment pending trial, and an additional term of imprisonment of up to 10 years, if the violation is a felony, and up to one year, if the violation is a misdemeanor.

/s/ Anita Eve
AUSA

DEFENSE ATTORNEY

It is so ORDERED this 23rd day of September , 2022.

BY THE COURT:

 s/Richard A. Lloret
RICHARD A. LLORET
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE/DISTRICT JUDGE