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Dimitri Cash Convicted of Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree for the Plot to Murder Judge Stacey Romeo

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, December 14, 2022, New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento convicted Dimitri Cash for Conspiracy in the 2nd Degree following a bench trial. Cash was convicted for plotting the murder of Family Court Judge Stacey Romeo. Joenathan Cash was acquitted by a jury of the same charge.

Between September 1, 2020, and January 23, 2021, Dimitri Cash and others plotted to murder Judge Romeo because of his dissatisfaction with her family court rulings. This constitutes a Conspiracy to commit Murder in the 1st Degree. These plans included conducting background searches and investigations into the Judge, surveilling her private residence, surveilling the Hall of Justice, gathering information on her neighborhood and residence, speaking to a FedEx Employee regarding best routes in the area, planning to pose as delivery employees, and purchasing kerosene.

This case was investigated by the Greece Police Department, the Irondequoit Police Department with assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Dimitri Cash, and his cousin Joenathan Cash, were previously convicted of Kidnapping, Burglary, Robbery, and Conspiracy, stemming from a home invasion and kidnapping that occurred on January 18 2021. Dimitri Cash was sentenced to 115 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections and Joenathan Cash was sentenced to 75 years in the New York State Department of Corrections.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck, Chief of Special Victims Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Patrick Gallagher, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

"Judge Romeo was tasked by the voters of Monroe County for the very difficult position of keeping children safe," said Assistant District Attorney Sara VanStrydonck. "Nobody should have to fear for their life when they go to work every day, especially a Family Court Judge. I want to thank the investigators of the Greece Police Department and the Irondequoit Police Department for this thorough investigation."

"Dimitri Cash proved that his violence has no limits," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "He was willing to kidnap children and plotted to murder a Judge when he did not agree with her decisions. Dimitri Cash needs to be in the New York State Department of Corrections for the rest of his life. The entire Monroe County District Attorney's Office is relieved that this resulted in a conspiracy charge, and not something much worse."

Dimitri Cash will be sentenced on January 19, 2023, in front of State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

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