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PRESS RELEASE

Homicide of Jeff Thomas

June 4, 2002

Case initiated by Warren County Drug Task Force (WCDF) with an undercover purchase of 1 ounce of cocaine in Springboro, Ohio. (Undercover purchases continue throughout remainder of 2002 and first half of 2003).

June 16, 2002

FBI asked by WCDF to join investigation due to interstate nexus to the southwest United States border states, and to Mexico. Case takes the WCDF and FBI to the Mexican border resulting in additional arrests.

January 2003

\$60,000 cash seized from Jeff Thomas at the Phoenix, AZ airport

June 2003

Jeff Thomas' home in Monroe, Ohio, Butler County, searched by law enforcement officers, drugs, a firearm and approximately \$40,000 in currency seized.

August 2003

Justin Bach returned to Middletown from Arizona and after discussing matters with Paul David Lawwill approached Kevin Hubbard and agreed to pay \$40,000 for the murder of Jeff Thomas.

August 26, 2003

Jeff Thomas is murdered in Dayton, Ohio by Kevin Hubbard. Hubbard shared the money paid for the murder with Little. Little assisted in the murder-for-hire of Jeff Thomas, being instrumental in the plan to lure Thomas to the Dayton area for the purposes of killing him. Little was present with Hubbard when the murder occurred.

Harold Napier, Matt Gentry, and David Gibbs all participated in the payments for the homicide. Paul David Lawwill participated in the conspiracy with Bach to kill Jeff Thomas, and conspiracies to murder William Slaton and Schawn Little which subsequently did not occur.

January 24, 2004

Paul David Lawwill stopped and arrested during surveillance at his Warren County, Harlan Township residence, and found to be in possession of hundreds of pounds of marijuana, and large amounts of Ecstasy, crystal methamphetamine, and prescription drugs. Lawwill was also in possession of \$575,000 in U.S. currency at the time of his arrest.

January 24, 2004

State and Federal search warrants executed at eight locations in Butler, Montgomery, and Warren Counties. \$3.6 million dollars in drugs seized (street value) along with approximately \$685,000 in cash.

February 2004

Federal Grand Jury in Cincinnati indicts 11 individuals on Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances. Included in that group were Paul David Lawwill, Justin Bach, and Harold Napier.

June 2004

Federal Grand Jury Supercedes indictment, adding William Nelson Slaton to the Drug Conspiracy, and William Dale Slaton for Conspiracy to Murder an FBI Agent.

October 2004

Justin Bach arrested on outstanding drug charges in Arizona near the Mexican border.

November 16-17, 2005

Kevin Hubbard and Schawn Little arrested by the WCDTF, FBI, and Middletown PD.

November 21, 2005

Butler County Grand Jury returns the following indictments:

Kevin Duane Hubbard

Kidnapping w/Specification
Aggravated Murder w/Specifications
Having Weapons Under Disability
Conspiracy to Commit Aggravated Murder

Schawn Little

Kidnapping w/Specification
Aggravated Murder w/Specifications

Justin Bach

Conspiracy to Commit Aggravated Murder

Paul David Lawwill

Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity
Conspiracy to Commit Aggravated Murder (3 Counts)

Harold Napier & Matthew Gentry

Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity
Money Laundering

David Gibbs

Money Laundering