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**SOLICITATION TO COMMIT
MURDER**

UPDATE:

On April 15, 2008, an arrest warrant was issued for Bobby King Minnis, w/m, 09/18/1962, who is currently incarcerated awaiting trial for a sexual battery on a victim under the age of fifteen. The warrant has charged Minnis with two additional crimes. The added charges are for Solicitation to Commit Murder and Conspiracy to Commit Murder.

Minnis was originally arrested by Fort Lauderdale Police Detectives on April 15, 2005. He has since been incarcerated awaiting trial. Information was received by the Fort Lauderdale Police Department that Minnis was seeking to hire someone, who would have the victim killed.

Minnis was placed in contact with someone who he thought was a "hit man". The person whom Minnis was speaking with was an actual undercover officer from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department.

From the beginning of April 2008 through the date the warrant was issued there were recorded telephone calls between Minnis and the undercover officer detailing Minnis' desire to have the victim killed. Minnis provided details on the victim and also asked for proof that the victim was dead. He indicated to our undercover officer that he would pay the officer \$10,000.00-\$12,000.00 to complete the killing.

Furthermore, Minnis also told the undercover that he needed this done because his case was set for trial and without the victim the case would be dismissed. Minnis did indicate to the officer that he wanted a suicide note left behind and that he wanted the victim's body to never be found.

The arrest warrant is a No Bond warrant, which will keep Minnis in custody the completion of his criminal trial.

Original Release:

On Friday, April 15, 2005, the Austin (Texas) Police Department contacted a detective with the Law Enforcement Against Child Harm (LEACH) Task Force regarding an endangered runaway case. Austin Police believed a (14) fourteen-year-old boy, who was reported as a runaway by his parents, was in the City of Fort Lauderdale with an adult male. The white male was identified as BOBBY KING MINNIS (DOB 09-18-1962), residing at 1643 NE 56 Street, Fort Lauderdale.

LEACH agents from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Broward County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation discovered that MINNIS met the teen over the Internet and spoke to him for approximately (1) one year. On April 8, MINNIS flew to Austin, Texas, where he met the victim and then drove him back to MINNIS' home, which he shares with his wife and (2) juvenile children, in Fort Lauderdale. On Friday, April 15, MINNIS was taken into custody as he exited his home with the child.

Further investigation revealed the teen victim allegedly had sex with MINNIS on (10) ten occasions since he left Austin. The child was taken for medical examination.

MINNIS was charged with (10) ten counts of Lewd or Lascivious Battery and (1) one count of Interference With Custody. Federal charges are pending upon further investigation.

The investigation into this case is still on going. There is concern that there may be additional victims associated with this suspect. All persons who may have any knowledge about this case or have any other information are encouraged to contact the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Detective Felicia Barnwell (954) 828-5533, or Broward County Crime Stoppers (954) 493-TIPS.



Bobby Minnis

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