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PRESS RELEASE

SENTENCED: Kyle Kaspereen
1220 Butler Street
Easton, PA
DOB: 03/14/1997

On November 30, 2021, Washington Township Police Officers were dispatched to 122 Wayne Street, Washington Borough, for a report of a vicious assault. Upon arrival, Elaine Trachin, 84, was found unconscious, and William "Bart" Trachin, 53, was found taped to his wheelchair, with a garbage bag over his head, and critically injured.

On December 1, 2021, a review of Mr. Trachin's phone records revealed numerous contacts with Kyle Kaspereen regarding the purported sale of a motorcycle owned by Mr. Trachin. While Mr. Kaspereen was being interviewed, he was discovered to be deleting text messages and calls from his cellular phone. When confronted, he acknowledged the deletions and explained that what was on his phone contradicted his statement to law enforcement. At that time, Mr. Kaspereen was charged with the destruction of that evidence and lodged in Warren County Jail.

Additional investigation recovered the deleted content from Mr. Kaspereen's phone, which did in fact contradict his statement to law enforcement regarding his whereabouts, who he had contacted, and the timing of both. His cell phone was also found to be pinging from the scene of the attack at the suspected time of the attack. Further research discovered that Mr. Trachin's phone and Ms. Trachin's wallet were both missing from the scene. An analysis of Mr. Kaspereen's phone revealed numerous internet searches that included information on police investigation tactics – specifically with respect to murder – whether there had been any murders in Washington, N.J., and how to use a credit or debit card absent the pin number.

These searches were performed after the discovery of Mr. and Ms. Trachin, but before any public announcement about those findings had been released. Video surveillance from hours after the attack appears to show Mr. Kaspereen dropping a cellphone into the Delaware River while walking across the Free Bridge from Phillipsburg, N.J., into Easton, P.A., where Mr. Kaspereen resides. A search of the Delaware River by the New Jersey State Police discovered Mr. Trachin's phone near where that surveillance identified Mr. Kaspereen dropping it from the bridge.

A search of Mr. Kaspereen's apartment revealed a trash bag consistent with that found over Mr. Trachin's head that was unused and discarded. The search also discovered an empty box from a BB pistol that Mr. Kaspereen was found to have purchased in the last two weeks.


On December 9, 2021, Kyle Kaspereen was charged with the murder of Elaine Trachin and the attempted murder of Bart Trachin. On October 31, 2023, Kaspereen plead guilty in Warren County Superior Court to Murder, First Degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:11-3, and Aggravated Assault, Second Degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1.

On December 20, 2023, Kaspereen was sentenced to thirty-five (35) years in New Jersey State Prison with a thirty (30) year period of parole ineligibility.

The Warren County Prosecutor's Office investigated this matter jointly with the Washington Township Police Department and extends its gratitude to assistance from the New Jersey State Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and United States Secret Service.

Approved by:

Date: December 20, 2023



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