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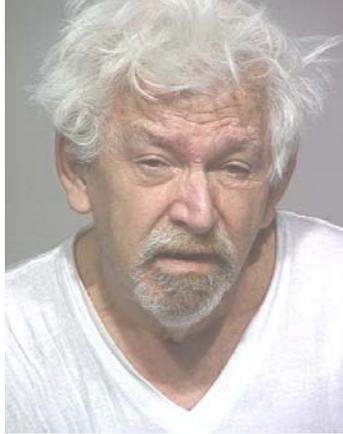
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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Sheriff's Detectives Uncover Inmate's Murder for Hire Plan**



Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Sheriff's detectives conducted an investigation into an inmate at the County Correctional Facility – South (CCF-S) who planned to hire someone to kill his ex-girlfriend's grandson, and kill the ex-girlfriend himself when he expected to be released later this month.

Gerald J. Lipski, age 66, was formally charged today by the District Attorney's Office with Solicitation of First Degree Intentional Homicide, Domestic Abuse. If convicted of this offense, a Class F felony, he faces up to 12 ½ years in prison.

In a recorded phone conversation during an undercover operation, the inmate indicated he wanted the ex-girlfriend's grandson's throat slit and was willing to pay \$500.00.

"Inmates say a lot in the jail environment," said Sheriff Clarke. "We follow up on all potential criminal behavior."

This is the second murder for hire case involving an inmate at CCF-S in the past eight months. The sheriff and district attorney held a joint news conference in October to highlight the cooperative effort by both agencies to investigate and charge CCF-S inmate Thomas Welz with Conspiracy to Commit First Degree Intentional Homicide (a Class B Felony) and Felony Intimidation of a Witness. That case is scheduled for a jury trial in April.

The criminal complaint for the Lipski case is attached.

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