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Sheriff

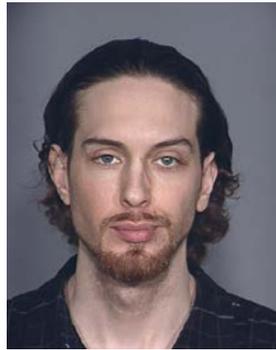
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HOC Inmate Convicted in Murder for Hire Case Follow-up to August News Release Sheriff's Detectives Charged Inmate with 8 Counts - 6 Dismissed, 2 Guilty



Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff's detectives led an investigation into an inmate at the House of Correction on a murder for hire case. The investigation resulted in seven felony charges and one misdemeanor charge against the inmate, Mark Girtler, age 32, of Milwaukee.

In letters intercepted by the detectives, Girtler directed others to kill witnesses in his domestic abuse case. "Run up in their & go hard on dat bitch! 4 realy brobro, let her know we not fxxing around. I don't care if u put da barrel in da bitch mouth or pistical whip her." He also wrote to a witness saying, "U go to court again u die."

Girtler has an extensive criminal history, including armed robbery, battery, domestic abuse, recklessly endangering safety, and intimidation of witnesses. These past convictions make him a habitual criminal repeat offender, adding additional penalties to the charges.

Girtler wrote in a letter that he was "not ready to do no 12-15 years," for the crime which he was held for, and faced up to an additional 94 years and 9 months in prison, in the current case.

For two other cases involving the same victim, Girtler received an additional two years WSP, 2 years extended supervision (E/S), combined, for a total of 10 years in WSP and 10 years of 10 extended supervision.

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Sheriff Clarke said, “Protecting the victims and witnesses in these cases is critical to a functioning justice system. The work of the detectives prevented this subject from carrying out his threats. Many cases are dismissed because a witness fears for his or her life. This subject’s stay in a bed and breakfast facility just got upgraded to a state prison.”

Count 1 – Felony Intimidation of Witness - dismissed

Count 2 – Misdemeanor Intimidation of Witness - dismissed

Count 3 – Felony Intimidation of Witness - dismissed

Count 4 – Felony Stalking - dismissed

Count 5 – Felony Solicitation of 1st Degree Intentional Homicide - dismissed

Count 6 – Felony Intimidation of a Victim -dismissed

Count 7 – Felony Solicitation of Burglary – Guilty 3 yrs WSP, 3 yrs E/S consecutive

Count 8 – Felony Intimidation of Victim – Guilty – 5 yrs WSP, 5 yrs E/S consecutive

Criminal history:

12/11/2000 Milwaukee PD Manufacture/Deliver THC (<=500 grams): No Process

04/07/2001 Greendale PD Retail Theft / Non-Criminal: Fine

04/08/2001 Milwaukee PD Take and Drive Vehicle w/o Consent Amended to OVWOOC Passenger: 6 months HOC and 2 years’ Probation - Judge Sankowitz

08/21/2001 West Allis PD Resisting/Obstructing: 29 days HOC and \$100 fine- Judge Siefert

09/26/2003 South Milw PD Poss of Drug Para and Poss of THC: 3 days HOC with 3 days credit - Judge Skwierawski

03/06/2004 Milwaukee PD CCW: Non-criminal

11/01/2004 Milwaukee PD Resisting/Obstructing and CCW: Non-criminal

07/22/2005 Milwaukee PD Resisting /Obstructing and CCW: Non-Criminal

10/07/2005 Milwaukee PD Knowingly Violate a Domestic Abuse Order (3 counts): No Process

01/29/2006 Milwaukee PD Knowingly Violate a Domestic Abuse Order / Battery / Armed Robbery: 2 years WSP - Stayed Sentence 2 years’ Probation- Judge Murray

Re-confinement Hearing on 12/11/2008 Sentenced to 1 year WSP

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02/21/2006 Milwaukee S.O Intimate Witness / Habitual Criminality: 9 months HOC with 2 years' Probation- Judge Van Grunsven

06/12/2006 Milwaukee PD Probation Violation / Poss of THC / Resisting Obstructing / Knowingly Violate Domestic Abuse Order: 2 years WSP - Stayed Sentence 3 years Probation with initial confinement to HOC for 30 days - Judge Conen

10/20/2006 Dodge Correction Intake to WSP - Mandatory Release 08/21/2007

11/09/2007 Milwaukee PD 2 Degree Reckless Endangering Safety / Habitual Criminality / Probation Violation: Dismissed at request of Prosecution - Judge Conen

05/24/2008 Milwaukee PD 1 degree Reckless Endangering Safety / Intentionally Contact Victim - Habitual Criminality / Probation Violation: Acquitted at Jury Trial of 1 degree RES - Guilty Intentionally Contact Victim and Habitual Criminality: 1 year 6 months WSP- Judge Fiorenza

05/24/2008 New Berlin PD Resisting Obstructing: 6 months WSP concurrent to previous case - Judge Van De Water

04/21/2011 Milwaukee PD Poss of THC / Habitual Criminality: Amended to Misd. \$100 fine

05/31/2013 Cudahy PD Resisting Obstructing: 60 days HOC 45 days credit - Judge Stark

06/03/2013 Cudahy PD Battery / Disorderly Conduct: Dismissed due to witness non-appearance - Judge Grady

09/16/2013 Milwaukee PD Battery Domestic Abuse Related / Habitual Criminality: Dismissed due to witness non-appearance - Judge Grady

01/12/2014 Milwaukee PD Initially in custody Battery Domestic Abuse Repeater and DC Repeater

07/25/2014 Milwaukee SO Current case.

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