



DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL COURT SERVING ACADIA, LAFAYETTE & VERMILION PARISHES

District Attorney Keith Stutes announces the conviction of Harlow Hutchinson of the offense of Solicitation for Murder in the 15th Judicial District Court on January 24, 2018 in Abbeville, Louisiana.

On Wednesday, January 24th, 2018, a twelve person jury composed of Vermilion Parish citizens returned a verdict of guilty of solicitation for murder against Harlow Hutchinson. The three day trial was conducted in the courtroom of Judge Edward B. Broussard and was investigated by officers from Abbeville Police Department and Louisiana State Police, Investigative division.

Led by Lt. David Hardy of APD and LSP Investigator Paul Perry, thirteen police officers, including nine testified at trial. Hutchinson had solicited his best friend to kill his wife. Testimony at trial revealed that the friend began to take what he at first considered general hyperbole by his friend seriously as Hutchinson's descriptions became more and more detailed. When Hutchinson began talking about alibis, murder weapon, precise locations of death, how he planned to spend resulting life insurance proceeds, and a cover-up, the friend went to officers of the Abbeville Police Department who then called in state police. The jury listened to audio of Hutchinson detailing his murderous plot on three occasions.

The prosecution was handled by Assistant District Attorney Celeste White.

Sentencing is set for February 8, 2018. Hutchinson faces a possible maximum of 20 years at Hard Labor.

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