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**Five Milwaukee Men Federally Indicted for Involvement in
Armed Robberies of U.S. Postal Carriers**

Gregory J. Haanstad, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, announced that on June 27, 2023, five Milwaukee men were indicted for their involvement in several armed robberies of U.S. postal carriers that occurred between October 2022 and March 2023. Huria H. Abu, age 20, was charged with four counts of Hobbs Act robbery, three counts of brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence and one count of conspiracy.

Jessie L. Cook, age 19, was charged with two counts of Hobbs Act robbery, two counts of brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, and one count of conspiracy. Hussein A. Haji, age 21, was charged with one count of Hobbs Act robbery and one count of brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence. Darrion M. Allison, age 22, was charged with one count of Hobbs Act robbery, one count of brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, one count of theft of mail, and one count of conspiracy.

Abdi A. Abdi, age 22, was charged with two counts of Hobbs Act robbery, two counts of brandishing a firearm in furtherance of crime of violence, one count of theft of mail, and one count of conspiracy. As alleged in the indictment, the defendants robbed the U.S. postal carriers of arrow keys. They then used the arrow keys to steal U.S. mail from mail receptacles.

If convicted, each individual faces up to 20 years in prison on each robbery count and a minimum mandatory sentence of seven years and up to life in prison on each charge of brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence, which must run consecutive to any other sentence. If convicted of conspiracy, each individual faces up to five years in prison and if convicted of theft of mail, each individual faces up to five years in prison.

This matter is being investigated by the FBI's Milwaukee Area Violent Crimes Task Force and the Milwaukee Police Department, in collaboration with the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office and the United States Postal Inspection Service. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Abbey M. Marzick.

The public is cautioned that an indictment is merely a charge, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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