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NICHOLAS LOUIS ORTIZ CONVICTED OF 2 COUNTS OF SOLICITATION TO COMMIT MURDER FOR HIRE 2 COUNTS OF FELONY OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

PORTSMOUTH, VA – On August 30, 2023, Nicholas Louis Ortiz was found guilty of 2 counts of solicitation to commit murder for hire and 2 counts of felony obstruction of justice on August 30, 2023. Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Bernardine Gerlach and Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Christopher Warman handled the prosecution of this matter.

Summary of Facts: On October 18, 2022, an undercover operation was conducted where Ortiz spoke to a person that he thought to be a "hitman" via jail call. Ortiz wished to have two victims killed due to them having to testify against him in upcoming cases. In fact, Ortiz was speaking to an undercover Portsmouth Police Detective. Ortiz gave intimate details about the potential victims to help orchestrate their murders.

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