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## Two Men Indicted for Human Trafficking at an RTA Station in Cleveland

CLEVELAND - Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Michael C. O'Malley announced today that a Cuyahoga County grand jury has returned an indictment charging Sean Simpkins, 39, and David McCord, 43, for attempting to kidnap and human traffic a 22-year-old female at an RTA Station in Cleveland.

On April 3, 2022, around 3 p.m., Sean Simpkins entered the West 98th Street RTA station and approached the female victim, 22. He then assaulted her and dragged her out to a car parked on West 98th Street and Lorain Avenue. David McCord was in the driver's seat waiting to drive them away. While in the vehicle, the victim managed to escape. Afterward, McCord and Simpkins fled the scene. A good Samaritan saw the incident and called the police. The Cleveland Division of Police (CPD) responded to the scene.

David McCord and Sean Simpkins drove to West 104th Street. McCord was detained by CPD in the vehicle. Simpkins fled on foot to a nearby coffee shop on West 104th Street and Lorain Avenue, where he was arrested.

Sean Simpkins has been indicted on the following charges:

- **Six counts of Kidnapping**
- **Two counts of Assault**
- **Two counts of Abduction**
- **One count of Trafficking in Persons**
- **One count of Attempting Compelling Prostitution**
- **Two counts of Having Weapons Under Disability**
- **One count of Receiving Stolen Property**

David McCord has been indicted on the following charges:

- **Four counts of Kidnapping**
- **One count of Abduction**
- **One count of Trafficking in Persons**
- **One count of Attempting Compelling Prostitution**
- **One count of Having Weapons Under Disability**
- **One count of Receiving Stolen Property**

If you or someone you know has any information regarding this incident and/or any incidents involving Sean Simpkins and David McCord, please contact the Human Trafficking Task Force at 216.443.6085.

You can view the indictment [here](#).